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ROOSEVELT DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM TOKYO

Japanese Military Moves In Far East

'PRINCE OF WALES' IN SINGAPORE

Nazi Raider Menace In Pacific: Two Australian Warships Sunk

Major developments in the Far Eastern situation are:

(1) the sinking of the Australian Torpedo-destroyer 'Paramatta' while performing escort duties, and of cruiser 'Sydney' while in action with a heavily armoured merchant raider. In both cases casualties are reported to be heavy.

(2) Frontier skirmish between two Soviet soldiers and the Japanese garrison troops in Eastern Manchukuo.

President Roosevelt is reported to be asking Japan to explain the Japanese military moves in Indo-China and towards Thailand.

He has also summoned Mr. Cordell Hull, Mr. Stimson and Col. Knox for a talk on the situation in the Pacific.

THE NEW BRITISH BATTLESHIP "PRINCE OF WALES" IS AMONG THE SEVERAL UNITS OF THE NEW EASTERN FLEET WHICH HAS ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE. THE NEW ADMIRAL OF THE EASTERN FLEET, SIR TOM PHILIPS, IS FLYING HIS FLAG ON THE PRINCE OF WALES.

OTHER UNITS OF THE FLEET ARE ARRIVING IN DUE COURSE.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PETAIN-GOERING PARLEYS CENTRED ON THE FAR EAST SITUATION AND THE LEASING OF INDO-CHINA BASES TO JAPAN FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR.

ROOSEVELT'S FIRM STAND

Demands Explanation Of Japanese Military Moves

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.

It was disclosed to-day that President Roosevelt was asking Japan certain questions which diplomatic observers state, included requests for an explanation of the Japanese military moves into Indo-China and towards Thailand. The disclosure was made in a state department official's account of the visit of Admiral Nomura and Mr. Kurusu.

The official said that the President had directed Mr. Sumner-welles to ask the Japanese representatives to call on him in order to make certain enquiries of the Japanese Government through them for the President's information.

This is taken by observers to mean that the President is intervening personally in the negotiations in order to get some satisfactory explanation of the recent Japanese military steps.

The Japanese representatives conferred with Mr. Welles for thirty-five minutes. When they left Admiral Nomura said merely: "we are not in a position to disclose anything. He talked and we listened."

President Roosevelt also once more drew attention to the Pacific situation concerning which he has summoned Mr. Hull Mr. Stimson and Col. Knox for a conference.—Reuter.

Thai Premier Meets Japanese Ambassador

TOKYO, Dec. 2.

Japan's ambassador to Thailand Mr. Teiji Tiubokami had forty minutes meeting with the Thai Premier Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram to-day, says the Domei despatch from Bangkok. Later Tiubokami told reporters that "nothing of a surprising nature" was discussed, they merely exchanged information about the prevailing international situation, including economic questions. Before the meeting Mr. Tiubokami conferred with the Japanese Consul General.—Reuter.

JAP-SOVIET BORDER CLASH

TOKIO, Dec. 2.

Two Soviet soldiers were shot dead in a skirmish with Japanese garrison troops in eastern Manchukuo yesterday (Monday) says a Domei dispatch from Hsinking, the Manchukuo Capital.

They are alleged to have crossed the frontier at a point about twenty-five miles south of Tungming with three companions, who were driven back into the Soviet territory.—Reuter.

THAILAND PREPARES A.R.P. And Evacuation Plans

LONDON, Dec. 2.

The impending climax of the Far-Eastern crisis dominates the scene here and "anticipating the worst", Thailand is quietly pushing ahead with all-out preparations for self-defence, wires Reuter's special correspondent in Bangkok.

Though reluctant to enter into details, authoritative quarters emphasise the wide scope of the preparations which cover all phases of national defence. the Thai Navy is believed to be in a state of readiness to carry out patrol of the territorial waters. Armed Guards are stationed at strategic points of Bangkok and its approaches, while air raid shelters are being hurriedly constructed at cross roads. The authorities are understood to be collecting data regarding private cars and lorries available for possible requisitioning in case of emergency evacuation of women and children from the capital.

A scheme for the evacuation of women and children from the capital is reported to be under consideration. Home defence volunteers are registering in thousands all over the country. In the midst of this warlike atmosphere there is no slackening in the preparation

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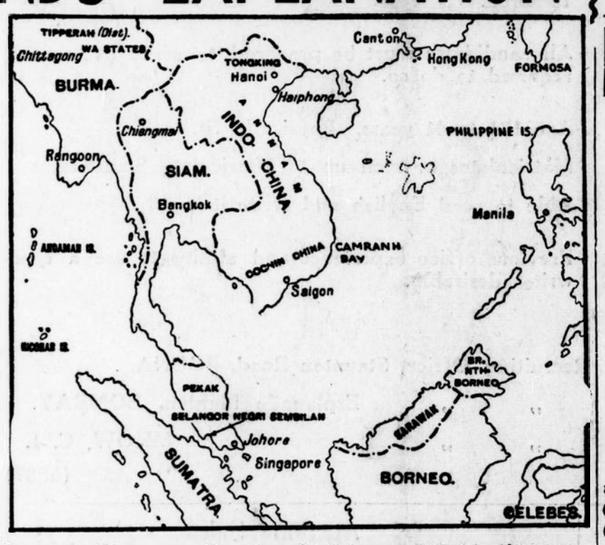

Japanese military moves have brought 'Prince of Wales' to Singapore.

NAZI RAIDER IN PACIFIC

Australian Destroyer And Cruiser Sunk

CANBERRA, Dec. 2.

The Australian torpedo-destroyer Paramatta has been torpedoed and sunk.

The Australian ship "Paramatta, a 1060 ton sloop was torpedoed and sunk while performing escort duties, announced the Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin. 141 officers and men are missing, and are believed to have been killed. The ship had a total complement of 161 it is not stated where the ship was sunk, but it is officially announced that she joined a Mediterranean station last May.

AUSTRALIAN CRUISER SUNK

SINGAPORE:—It is announced that the Australian cruiser "Sydney' has been sunk off Australia.

No precise statement as to the scene of the engagement can be made, except the intimation that it took place off Australia.

Sank Raider By Gunfire

The Australian Government announce that the cruiser 'Sydney' was sunk in action with a heavily armoured merchant raider.

"Sydney" sank the raider by gunfire.

Mr. Curtin has announced that the full complement of 42 officers and 603 men of the cruiser "Sydney" are missing.

Mr. Curtin announcing the loss of the cruiser "Sydney" after she had sunk an armed raider which sank, he stated, that the full complement of 42 officers and 603 men was missing. the relatives were informed on November 26th. The news which was published in the morning newspapers has shocked Australia.

Planes and ships are still scouring the area where the Sydney vanished, but there is only the slenderest hope of any survivors. The missing include following officers of the Royal Navy—Commander Edmund Wyberg Thruston, Lieut. Commander Michael Morgan Singer, Lieut. Commander Jack Crawston Bacon, Lieut. Commander Oliver A. C. Montgomery.

It Is 'Steirmark'

The Australian Government has announced that the cruiser 'Sydney' has been in action with a heavily armoured merchant raider which she sank by gun-fire. No subsequent communication has been received from 'Sydney', and it must be presumed she has been lost

An extensive search by air and surface units to locate survivors continues. For strategic reasons, it was not desirable to publish information earlier than now.

The armed merchant raider destroyed by 'Sydney' is known to have been the steamer 'Steirmark' of 9,400 tons. The raider has been known for some time as raider number 41 and has been sailing under the name of Kormoran. The raider has been responsible during her career for sinking the Greek ship 'Antonis' and the British ships 'British Union' and "Afric Star" and later operating with another Merchant raider, the two sank another British ship "Eurylochus." Later still, raider 41 operating in the South Atlantic sank the steamer "Agnita" and the steamer "Craftsman" in March or April of this year. In June, she sank the steamers "Velebit" and "Mareeba" between Ceylon and Sumatra. On September 26th, she sank the Greek ship "Stamatois Gembiricos."

The Australian Government 'communiques' states, "While regretting the loss of this fine ship and her gallant complement, the people of Australia will be proud that she and they upheld the traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and completed a glorious career in a successful action against the enemy."

Three Italian Ships Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 2.

The Italian destroyer "Alvise Da Mosto" and also the oiltanker "Mantovani" and the supply ship "Adriatico" have been sunk by a British light force in the Mediterranean on Monday.—Reuter.

Radcliffe Succeeds Monckton

LONDON, Dec. 2.

Mr. J. Radcliffe, has been appointed Director-General of the Ministry of Information in succession to Sir Walter Monckton who has taken up his appointment in Cairo as Director-General of British Propaganda and Information Services, under the Minister of State. Sir Walter Monckton will be a member of the War Council in Cairo.—Reuter

U.S. Marines In Philippines

MANILA, Dec. 2.

Officers of the American marines who arrived here from Shanghai to-day said that the marines would remain in the Philippines." The marines have landed and are ready for anything", declared a naval spokesman. The number of Marines involved is not revealed.

EARLIER.

The American liners "President Madison" and "President Harrison" arrived at Manila to-day carrying a batch of United States marnes previously stationed in Shanghai. There were also many civilian evacuees on board these ships.

HULL INDISPOSED

Mr. Cordell Hull is suffering from a slight cold and his place at the Rooselt-Stimson-Knox Conference on the Pacific situation is being taken by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, it is learned in Washington.—Reuter.

ASST. DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY DEPT.

Arrested On Bribery Charge

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

One Assistant Director of the Supply Department has been taken in custody by the Delhi Police to-day for, it is aleged, accepting bribery from some contractor.

It is understood that currency notes signed by a Magistrate were recovered from the officer, when the Police surprised him in his office.

Investigation is proceeding.—United Press.

GOERING DEAL FOR PETAIN

No Basic Change With Congressmen In Jail

KRIPALANI SAYS GANDHIJI WILL GO OUT OF CONGRESS IF POONA OFFER IS RENEWED

KARACHI, Dec. 2.

"Unless his views regarding the war and non-violence radically change, Gandhiji will go out of the Congress if the latter decide upon renewing the Poona Offer," declared Acharya J. B. Kripalani, General Secretary of the A. I. C. C., at a Press Conference this afternoon, answering the question, what would be Gandhiji's attitude, if the advocates of the Poona Offer succeeded in calling the A.I.C.C. and passing a resolution renewing the Poona Offer.

"It would not be fair,", Acharya Kripalani added, "to those valiant soldiers of the Congress in jail, not to speak of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, if a section of the members of the A. I. C. C. succeed in sending a requisition with the necessary number of signatures laid down by the constitution, calling a meeting of the A. I. C. C. and making certain basic changes in the policy of the Congress or taking weighty decisions. They may be constitutionally right, but morally they cannot be correct.

"Anyway, I am prepared to summon the A. I. C. C. if a requisition is sent to me."

Replying to another question why Gandhiji had allowed freedom of propaganda to Mr. Satyamurthi and why no disciplinary action was being taken against him (Mr. Satyamurthi) as was done against Mr. Subhas Bose for a similar offence, the Congress Secretary said: "Gandhiji does not consider himself competent to take action. The Congress has bestowed the right of speech to its every worker under limitations imposd by its creed of non-violence. If any one transgresses that right, it is either the Working Committee or the A. I. C. C which alone can take action. Gandhiji took no action against Mr. Bose. It was the Working Committee which did it.—United Press.

Case Of Orissa

Referring to Parliamentary programme, Mr. Kripalani said that the Congress chose to treat some provinces differently from others owing to peculiar circumstances, yet behind them, all was the fundamental policy of the Congress, namely dissociation from the war efforts and everything else regulated according to circumstances. He instanced Orissa where Congressmen had been allowed to attend the Assembly for a trial of strength and he was certain that the Ministry would be defeated when the Assembly met.—A. P.

P. C. GHOSH FOR WARDHA

CALCUTTA, Dec. 2.

Faith in Mahatma Gandhi's leadership as also in the present movement launched by him, was expressed by Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee, when he and four other Congressmen were given a reception at the office of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee this evening.

These five Congressmen, including two Bengal M.L.A.'s were recently released from jail after having served imprisonment for offering Satyagraha in the Province.

Dr. Ghosh will proceed to Wardha to-morrow to meet Mahatma Gandhi—A. P.

Rajendra Babu Laid Up

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 2.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad is suffering from cold and slight fever. Doctors have advised him complete rest for a few days.—A. P.

Abdul Bari At Wardha

WARDHA, Dec. 2.

Prof. Abdul Bari arrived here to-day from Patna to see Babu Rajendra Prasad in connection with the affairs of local bodies in Bihar.—United Press.

Churchill On Bringing More Women And Men To Direct War Work

Eye To 'Man' Anti-Aircraft And Home Artillery Guns

LONDON, Dec. 2.

Mr. Churchill announced in the House of Commons that Government propose to call up all unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30, numbering 1,620,000 to join Uniformed Services.

The male callup would be reduced to 18 1|2 years thus ensuring another 70,000 men in 1942.

Boys and girls between 16 and 18 would be registered and encouraged to volunteer for national service.

Mr. Churchill also announced the raising of age for compulsory military service from 41 to 50. Men over 41 would not be posted to more active duties in forces.

Home Guard

Mr. Churchill discussing Home Guard said that power must be taken by statute to direct men into the Home Guard in areas where it was necessary and require them to attend drills and musters indispensable to their efficiency and maintenance.

Mr. Churchill moved the following motion standing in the name of himself, Mr. Attlee, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Brown and Mr. Earnest Bevin:—

"That in the opinion of the House for the purpose of securing maximum national effort in the conduct of war and production, the obligation for National Service should be extended to include the resources of women power and man power still available; and that necessary legislation should be brought in forthwith."

Mr. Churchill said: "We have to call upon the nation for a further degree of sacrifice and exer-

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NAZI PLAN FOR FAR EAST

Lease Of Indo-China Bases For Japan For Duration Of War

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 2.

At last, Marshal Petain and Field-Marshal Goering have met, as first cabled by me a fortnight ago.

British press believes that the meeting must have considered the desirability of Vichy allowing Germany the use of its bases, aerial and naval, in North and West Africa.

LEASE TO HITLER

It is learned from reliable sources that Marshal Petain and Goering undoubtedly talked and in principle agreed that Bizerta in Tunisia and Dakar in West Africa should be leased to Germany for the duration of the war.

Pending further talks between Vichy and Berlin, it was also agreed that the former should formulate concrete suggestions in regard to "New Order" and France's "complete and cordial co-operation with the Axis Powers" for building up a united Europe.

ROLE OF FALLEN.

The above view was further supported by Italian comment on the Petain-Goering meeting. The famous writer, Mario Appelius, writes in a Rome newspaper: "Even defeated nation must join the Axis coalition against Britain."

Marshal Petain's private secretary was heard to say: "France's re-integration in Europe requires much patience and tenacity. To-day's meeting shows that France will not be absent from the reconstruction of the Continent."

FAR EAST ISSUE

The most sensational report indicated that it devoted a large part of discussion to the Far East about the Petain-Goering meeting situation.

Indo-China, nominally under Vichy's control, is vital for Japanese design and the "Asia for Asiatics" plan. It is not improbable that Goering should try to impress upon Marshal Petain the desirability and necessity of allowing Japan the use of the bases in Indo-China, perhaps, either by appointing Japan as the "Protector of French interests in the Far East" or by leasing Indo-China bases for the duration of the war.

"Triple Menace"

Although no authoritative statement has been issued regarding the talks between Marshal Petain and Goering it is indicated that there will be further meetings at a later date.

According to one report the talks centred round three points, namely, "The Bolshevist danger", the Brit'sh blockade and the so-called American intervention in the war.—

Should Hitler obtain the use of the French Navy and bases in French North Africa, some observers expect hardening of the Japanese attitude with a possible sudden move in the Far East—unless that development again is offset by new German reverses in Libya or in Russia.

Marshal Petain had a meeting to-day with Goering at St. Florentin—Vergigny about 80 miles south-east of Paris in occupied France. A Paris despatch to the Official German news agency says that they had a long discussion on matters of interest to Germany and France

Official French declaration on the Petain-Goering meeting was issued by Admiral Darlan's Secretary of State, Mr. Benoist Mechin at the German embassy in Paris this evening. It emphasises Marshal Petain's desire for Franco-German collaboration, and declares that this meeting Permits us to look to the future with increased confidence

It concludes, "Following on the conference in Berlin last week, at which the Anti-Comintern Pact was renewed, Berlin shows us that France is not omitted from the continental reconstruction and unification which is being carried out under our eyes."

Frank Conversation

The statement read by Mr. Benoist Mechin following the Petain-Goering meeting contained no concrete information about

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1. All that piece of Sanadi land admeasuring abt. 87 sq. yds. with dwelling house standing thereon and situate at 2nd Carpenter Street bearing Cadastral Survey No. 162 Mazagon division, and Municipal "E" Ward No. 6882 St. No. 9 and bounded on the East by property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 163, on the West by property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 161, on the North by 2nd Carpenter St. and on the South by Nawab Tank Road.

2. All that piece of Sanadi land admeasuring abt. 100 sq. yds. with dwelling house standing thereon, situate at 2nd Carpenter St. and Nawab Tank Road, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 160, Mazagon Division, and Municipal "E" Ward No. 68-85 St. No. 9 and bounded on the North by 2nd Carpenter St. on the South by Nawab Tank Road, on the East by Cadastral Survey No. 161 and on the West by Nawab Tank Road.

3. All that piece of Government redeemed land admeasuring abt. 162 sq. yds. with dwelling house standing thereon, and situate at 1st Carpenter Street, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 191 Mazagon Division Municipal "E" Ward No. 6910 (2) St. No. 1 and bounded on the West by the property of Moreshwar Purshotam Deware, on the East by the property of Baliram Purshotam Deware on the South by the property of Sir Bomanji Dhunjibhoy, and on the North by an open passage.

4. All that piece of quit and ground Rent Tenure redeemed land admeasuring abt. 119 sq. yds. with dwelling house standing thereon, and situate at 1st Carpenter Street, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 192 Mazagon Division, Municipal "E" Ward No. 6911 St. No. 25 and bounded on the North by 2nd Carpenter St., on the South by the property of Vinayak Purshotam, on the East by the property of Gokasnabai Purshotam, and on the West by the property of Sir Bomanji Dhunjibhoy.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the abovenamed Solicitors or the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT JACKERIA MASJID STREET.

Under instructions from Messrs. Little & Co., Attorneys for Bai Aishabai daughter of Haji Ebrahim Abdul Satar Soab, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on MONDAY, the 15th December, 1941, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned at the premises.

All that piece of land partly of pension and tax and partly of quit and ground rent tenure admeasuring about 204 sq. yds. with dwelling house standing thereon situate at Jackeria Masjid St. bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1116 of Mandvi Division, Municipal B Ward No. 2144 St. 127 and bounded on the North by the property of Hasan Haji Tarmohomed Patel, on the South by the property of Haji Mohemed Haji Jusuf Sidick, on the West by Jackeria Masjid St., and on the East by sweepers passage.

For further particulars and condition of sale apply to the abovementioned Solicitors or the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT NEW PARBHADEVI RD., LOWER MAHIM.

Under instructions from Messrs. S. F. B. Tyabji and Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of Jayanand Krishnanath Kirtiker the Mortgagor and pursuant to the power reserved to the Mortgagees by an Indenture of Mortgage dated 23rd June, 1933, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on TUESDAY, the 9th December, 1941, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned at the premises.

1. All that piece of Pension and Tax land admeasuring about 3399 sq. yds. and situate at Lower Mahim, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1053 Lower Parel Division, Municipal "G" Ward Nos 2903 (1), 2906 (1), 2906 (2), 2907, 2908 (1), St. Nos. 368, 157, 163, 163A, 165, 165A, 167, 163, 373 and 373(A), and bounded on the East partly by land of the family property of the Mortgagor and partly by New Parbhadevi Rd., on the west by public road, on the north by the property of Ganpatrao Kothare and ors., and on the south by the property of Balwantrao Gangadhar and another.

2. All that piece of Pension and Tax land, admeasuring about 155 sq. yds. over which public has a right of way, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1053 of Lower Parel Division and situated in the same locality as the property first described.

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THE CENTRAL PROVINCES RAILWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES RAILWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on THURSDAY, the 18th day of December, 1941, at 4-30 p.m., at the Registered Office of the Company, Home Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1st.—To adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 30th September, 1941.
2nd.—To declare a Dividend.
3rd.—To elect Directors in the place of Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Kt., C.I.E., M.B.E. and Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Kt., who retire by rotation, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
4th.—To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 1st to THURSDAY, the 18th December, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON & CO.,
Agents.

Bombay, 26th November, 1941.

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A MUSICAL CONCERT
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BALIWALLA GRAND THEATRE
SUNDAY, 7th December, 1941 at 10 o'clock in the Morning
Tickets: Rs. 3-6-0, 2-4-0, 1-12-0, 0-14-0, 0-7-0, 0-4-0
Tickets available at 1, The Baliwalla Theatre, 2, Harding & Co., Charni Road, Tram Junction. The plan will be open from Monday.

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NARROW MOVEMENT ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Bankhead Advocates Increase In Loan Rate

RESTRICTED TRADING BY UNEASINESS OVER FAR EASTERN SITUATION

BOMBAY, December 2.

On Monday the New York cotton market was narrow with a restricted trading owing to uneasiness over the Far Eastern situation In the meantime Mr. Bankhead advocated to increase the loan rate to correspond with the high parity price.

At the moment traders on the New York cotton market are keenly watching developments over the Far Eastern situation, as the same has a direct influence over the cotton trade. It is true that Japan is not able to import American cotton at present but any favourable turn may alter the situation. In the meantime business continues restricted and prices are fluctuating within a narrow range.

NEW YORK MARKET

There was restricted trading during the early part on Monday owing to uneasiness over the Far Eastern situation but prices rallied on trade and commission house buying and covering on Senator Bankhead's advocation to increase the loan rate to correspond with the high parity price. But the advance attracted more active Spot house and Memphis selling.

Chicago grains were sharply higher on week-end rains in soyabean and main harvesting areas and more favourable war news promoted general buying and covering. Wheat was firm with more friendly professional atmosphere created by C.C.C. report of loan stocks of 1942 crop at 320 millions bushel and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics forecast of continued rising farm prices in 1942.

The New York cotton market opened at a rise of 5 points with March 16.47 which was the highest level. Under increased selling prices declined to 16.32 which was the lowest. Thereafter the market was steady and finally closed at a net rise of one point to a decline of three points. Spot cotton prices advanced 6 points at 17.52c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet and closed at a decline of 2 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices declined 6 points at 16.64c. per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:

Local market seems to be listless affair, deriving its temporary inspiration from outside markets. This condition is attributable to impending Pacific crisis. It is thought, any involvement of Japan and America in a terrible conflict is expected to have a close and direct effect on Indian trade. For instance, if Japan attacks Thailand or Burma from her Indo-China base, and the allied nations defend, Calcutta and all surrounding industrial centres may be under constrain and shipping and trade with U.S.A. may be seriously curtailed. Its effect on raw materials cannot be anything but depressant, exceptmore hoarding and melnation of gold and silver rather than industrial shares, especially of the danger zone. Should the present Japanese indecision and prolonged talks continue indefinitely, the forthcoming Indian crops movement will check any speculative urge, so long the export to Far East remain barred and the tension continues dense. On the other hand, if a miracle springs up and Japan climbs down by foregoing all her interests in China and resume her normal trade, a strong impetus will be given to exports while a psychological adverse effect may be possible on normal civilian industries and their shares. These are mere probabilities which will have to be assessed as future events prove.

The latest cables from Washington state that Japanese envoys had seen Mr. Hull yesterday and they merely touched on previous points. They have not yet handed their cabinet's reply to Mr. Hull's memorandum and are to meet again on instructions from Tokio. Despite this blooming of "hot and cold," on both sides of the Pacific, "stand up" orders are given to military and naval forces to meet the immediate emergency

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (10 a.m.)	16.47+06
New York March lowest (11-3 a.m.)	16.32—10

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Market narrow and featureless. Undertone very steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, December 1

December	16.15+01
January	16.17—03
March	16.39—03
May	16.50
July	16.53
October	16.55—01
Middling Spot	17.52+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, December 1

December	16.19—02
January	16.22—02
March	16.44—02
May	16.55—03
July	16.58—06
October	16.74—04
Middling Spot	16.64—06

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, December 1 Noon call

December	16.09
March	16.36

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, December 1

Day's receipts at all U S Ports 19,000 bales

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, December 2

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. The market was quietly steady with a very small business. New York spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay Spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market opened quiet and with scattered realising gold declined to Rs. 45/8 but under renewed buying hardened to Rs. 45/12. Silver was quietly steady at Rs. 63/2. The market is becoming highly speculative and gold prices are likely to undergo violent fluctuations. Quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs. 45 14 0
Magsar	45 14 0
Posh	45 12 0
Sovereigns	30 12 0

SILVER

Ready	63 2 0
Magsar	63 2 0
Posh	63 3 6

LONDON SILVER

London, December 1

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, December 1

Gold Bars Fine per oz.	£8-8-0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, December 2

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 112 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 105 0 0

Tone:—Steady.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, December 2

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 116; 28 107; 35 106; 42 106; 49-56 104

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 122; 24 118; 28 116; 35 112; 42 111; 49-56 110.

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 67; Rosita Rs. 66; Country make Rs. 58; Piglead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 24/6 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 54/12 per cwt.

Settlement rates:—

Copper sheets Posh Rs. 106/8; Chaitra Rs. 108.

Piglead 'B.M.' Magsar Rs. 23/12; Maha Rs. 24/4; Tin Ingot Penang Magsar Rs. 53/12; Maha Rs. 51/6.

Market tone:—Firm.

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay, December 2

Alleppey Pepper ready per candy	94 0 0
Maha Sud 15	93 0 0
Chaitra Sud 15	96 0 0
Ginger ready	37 0 0
Maha Sud 15	27 0 0
Chaitra Sud 15	27 0 0

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, December 2

Following a decline of 3 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 236 for Broach A/M delivery but linseed and other markets being firm, trading commenced at Rs. 237/8 and under short covering prices improved to Rs. 239/12. At this level there appeared some realising and prices reacted to Rs. 239. The market was steady at this level. It appears that comparatively cotton market is neglected and compared with quotations of seeds, cotton is cheap. The market is awaiting the result of American Japanese negotiations but it is a known fact that Japan is out of the local market for the past few months.

There was slow but steady buying and prices advanced to Rs. 242/8. At this level there appeared some realising but the undertone was steady and closing quotations at 5 p.m. were as under:—

BROACH April/May	.....	Rs.	242	0 0
OOMRA Dec/Jan	.....		236	4 0
OOMRA March	.....		193	12 0
BENGAL Dec/Jan	.....		144	8 0
BENGAL March	.....		147	12 0

N. B.—AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE MARKET BROACH APRIL/MAY BUSINESS WAS DONE AT RS. 243/8

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, December 2

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		146	144	142	139
M G Punjab		146	144	142	139
M G Oomra No. 3	209	206	203	200	
M G C P No. 1	234	231	228	225	
M G C P No. 2	220	217	214	211	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, December 2

Ready and Delivery Contract new:—

Bengal Fine Old 132-35 Ready 142

Berar Old 170-76 Dec Par Jan —2

C. P. 1 Old 212-15 Dec +23 Jan +21

C. P. 2 Old 175-80

Khandesh Old 135-45

Muglai Old 150-55

Broach Old 198-203

Broach Low Old 153-63

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, December 2

Wheat January	0 3 3
Wheat May	0 11 0
Linseed May	1 0 0
Groundnut February	3 8 0
Castorseed May	5 12 0
Cottonseed January	1 8 0
Silver 2nd settlement	0 11 0
Gold 2nd settlement	1 12 0

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

F P Bales	1941-42	1940-41
Receipts to date 1-12-41	1871000	2027000
Receipts yesterday 1-12-41	19000	16000
Export to date 28-11-41	466000	479000
Stock at Ports 28-11-41	3398000	3199000
Stock at Interior Towns 28-11-41	3337000	3254000
Quantity in sight 28-11-41	5712000	5902000

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: December 2.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY. In full-pressed bales.	2 days.	Since 1st Septr. This year	Last year
Khandesh	272	2,230	6,282
Central India	147	2,478	1,287
Barsi and Nagar	101	3,953	3,956
Hyderabad/Gaorani	123	123	667
Berar	970	12,642	14,919
Central Provinces	212	4,621	224
Total Oomras	1,825	32,047	29,335
Dholeras		11,306	2,214
N.-W. Provinces		949	3
Rajputana		67	277
Sind-Punjab	808	89,414	98,826
Broach		12,591	4,179
Coompta & Dharwar		4,807	18,193
Westerns-Northerns		5,331	16,159
Cocanada			170
Tinnevelly & Cambodia		6,820	522
Total	2,633	163,332	159,879
Arrived by road to 30th Nov. 1941		11,500	14,000

COTTON PARITY.

Broach A/M below New York May 740 cent points at 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, December 1

Broach A/M highest 238 1/2 lowest 236 closing 237 1/2

Oomra D/J highest 201 lowest 200 closing 201

Oomra March highest 188 lowest 186 closing 187 1/2

Bengal D/J highest 142 1/2 lowest 141 closing 141 1/2

Bengal March highest 145 3/4 lowest 144 1/4 closing 144 1/2

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, December 2

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:

Java ready from Bond Rs. 13-4-0

African from Bond Rs. 13-0-0

Shipment September Rs. 10-12-0 F B H

Indian sugars ready:—

Ready (ordinary) Rs. 15-8-0 to 16-4-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 16-8-0 to 17-0-0

Bombay Group March Delivery Rs. 12-8-0

Tone: Steady.

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, December 2

Linseed May	9 8 9
Wheat January	6 1 9
Wheat May	7 3 9

LONDON RUBBER

London, December 1

London smoked sheets standard ribbed pojonbun	9d nod

RANADE'S BIRTH CENTENARY PLANS

POONA, Dec. 1.

An influential committee, representing all parties and communities has been formed in Poona for celebrating the forthcoming centenary of the birth of the late Mr. Justice M. G. Ranade on Sunday, 18th January, 1942. In view of the many sided and far-reaching influence exercised by Ranade it is expected that leaders in all parts of India will move in the matter of organising similar committees and functions in their respective areas.

The Poona Committee has organised a week's programme ending with a public meeting on the Centenary Day, which, it is learnt, will be presided over by the Rt. Hon. Mr M. R. Jayakar. Among other items arranged for the week are an Industrial and Economic Conference, accompanied by an Exhibition, and meetings of workers interested in Ranade's activities in such fields as history and literature, religion and social reform,—women's freedom and progress.—A. P.

IRON AND STEEL NEEDS FOR 1942

NEW DELHI, Dec 1.

A Press Note says:—

To facilitate an equitable distribution of the iron and steel available for maintenance of industrial works and plant and for certain other purposes, such as the manufacture of containers for paints, Vanaspati, cashew nuts, etc., various associations are being asked to furnish estimates of the requirements for 1942 of the industries with which they are respectively concerned. In order to secure as complete a picture as possible without delay, it is suggested that manufacturers, who are not members of the association representing generally the industry in which they are engaged should make their requirements known to the association. Chambers of Commerce have been requested to assist in this matter.—A. P.

BOMBAY PRODUCE MARKET

Active Buying

Bombay, December 2

The local produce market is keeping firm with active buying. Shortage of rain is firming wheat prices and prices are hardening.

Groundnuts February opened at Rs. 45/14 and after declining to Rs. 45/9 advanced to Rs. 46/4. Ready bold were done at Rs. 8/12 and small seeds were being placed at Rs. 8/11.

Castorseeds May opened at Rs. 45/6 and advanced to Rs. 46/6. Ready seeds were bought at Rs. 8-8-0

Owing to shortage of arrivals of cottonseeds January opened at Rs. 26/5 and advanced to Rs. 26/11.

Linseed May opened at Rs. 9-7 6 and after declining to Rs. 9-7-0 advanced to Rs. 9-8-6 and steadied at Rs. 9/8. Ready linseed business was done at Rs. 9-0-6

Wheat was stroing, January opened at Rs. 5-15-6 and after declining to Rs. 5-15-0 advanced to Rs. 6-0-3 May opened at Rs. 7-2-9 and improved to Rs 7-3-6. Delhi Picci cash wheat was done at Rs. 7-12-6 and Karachi Bangla was placed at Rs. 8.

Tilseed ready was firm at Rs. 9-9-0. Groundnut oil was quoted at Rs. 4-11-0 and Koparel was quoted at Rs. 4-8-0.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, December 2

LONDON:—

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 1/4 2 months

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 Three months

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 Four months.

B C RATES:—

T T 1/6 15/16; D D 1/6 15/16

Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32; D D 1/6 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 1/8

NEW YORK:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 328 1/2

Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2.

MONTREAL:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 298 3/4

Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47.

JAVA:—

Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56

Banks buying T T Gld 57 1/2; D D Gld 57 1/2

Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62.

JAPAN:—

Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.

Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.

Cross Rates Sh. 1/2 1/2.

BERNE:—

Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil.

Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil

Cross Rates Fcs 17 30/40.

STOCKHOLM:—

Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123

Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128

Cross Rates K 16.25/95.

SINGAPORE:—

Banks selling T T Rs 158; D D Rs. 158

Banks buying T T Rs. 155; D D Rs 155

Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 5/32 7/32

HONGKONG:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 85 1/4; D D Rs 84

Banks buying T T Rs. 81 1/2; D D Rs 81 1/2.

Cross Rates Sh. 1/3 1/32

SHANGHAI:—

Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.

Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.

Cross Rates Sh. 0-3 3/16

MEXICO:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27

Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04

Cross Rates Pec. 19 5 21.5.

LISBON:—

Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom

Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55

Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100 20

NEW YORK:—

Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.

Gold £8/8/0 Ready

New York Silver 35 1/8

London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call unquoted

1 to 2 months 1/4 per cent.

3 to 6 months 1/2 per cent.

9 months 3/4 per cent.

Tone:—Very easy.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, December 2

Groundnuts February—		
Opening	Rs.	45 14 0
Highest		46 8 0
Lowest		45 10 6
Closing		46 5 0
Cottonseeds January—		
Opening		26 7 0
Highest		26 14 0
Lowest		26 6 0
Closing		25 13 6
Castorseeds May—		
Opening		45 0 0
Highest		46 13 0
Lowest		45 0 0
Closing		46 6 0

Wall Street Market

New York, December 1

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing New York Stock Exchange quotations:

	Dollars
Electric Bond and Share dol 5 Pfd	59 3/4
Electric Power and Lt Pfd	34 1/2
American Telephone and Tel	143
Western Union Telegraph	25
New York Central R R	9 1/2
New York Central and Hudson River R R 5 per cent 2013	52 1/4
Union Pacific	66 1/2 XD
N Y Chicago and St. Louis 6 per cent	44 1/8
U S Steel	50 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	57 1/8
Crucible Steel	36
Anaconda Copper Mining	27 1/8
Int Nickel of Canada	34 1/8
Chrysler Motors	80 1/2
General Motors	35 1/4
Eaton Manufacturing	30 1/8
Dupont de Nemours	142 1/2
Sears Roebuck	63 5/8
Consolidated Oil	6
Socony	9 5/8
National City Bank of N Y	24 7/8
Australia 5 per cent 1955	69 1/2

Indian Jute Trade

CALCUTTA, December 2

The position of the Indian trade with the United States has been analysed with particular reference to the jute trade. It shows the progressive deterioration in the trade position of India vis-a-vis the United States and reveals that the deterioration began long before the outbreak of the present war, says the annual report for 1940-41 of the Indian Central Jute Committee, referring to the trend of jute consumption in the light of analysis of total world consumption of jute in 1939-40.

The report refers to criticisms levelled against official forecast of jute crops and says: The Committee has initiated a scheme of crop-cutting experiments to find out an accurate and economical method of estimating the yield of jute per acre. The work in this connection is likely to be continued for another two years. In Bihar complete enumeration of jute figures was undertaken in 1936 and subsequently in Assam and Orissa. In view of the prohibitive cost of complete enumeration, as undertaken in other provinces, a scheme for random survey of jute areas in Bengal was decided upon.

Among other important problems being tackled at the Jute Research Laboratories of the Committee at Dacca are investigations on retting, causes of defects in fibre, colouration of fibre, diseases and pests of jute.—United Press.

LONDON SEEDS

London, December 1

Rozario Santa Fe Dec/Jan sellers	22/3
Marietta Russo Dec/Jan sellers	22/3
South Australian Dec/Jan sellers	27/6

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, December 1

T T London on:—	
New York	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Madrid	40.50
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Berne	17.30/17.40
Stockholm	16.85/16.95

Indian Stock Exchange

Bombay, December 2

The market evinced a slightly bullish tone to-day and prices moved narrowly in a higher zone. Tata Deferreds opened at 2175 and forged ahead to 2095 laterly closing at 2185. Tata Ordinaries improved from 404 to 409 but closed at 408. Textiles were inclined to be firm with Bombay Dyeings being quoted at 1365. Indian Irons were steady at 35-8.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (2165) 2175 95 80 85

Tata Ordinaries (403) 404 409 407 408

Tata Ordinary 406; Tata Deferred 2185; Indian Iron 35/8; Steel Corpn of Bengal 21/8; Bombay Dyeing 1365; Central India 400; Century 435; Gokak 300; Kohinoor 515; Simplex 190; Andhra Valley 1750; Tata Hydro 185/10; Tata Power 1715; Associated Cement 165; Belapur 250; Bombay Burma (old) 520.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 2.

2 3/4 per cent 1948-57 Loan	98-1
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	96-0
3 per cent 1951/52 Loan	99-12
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan	100-0
4 per cent 1961/70 Loan	111-1
4 per cent 1943 Bonds	103-13
3 per cent War Bonds	102 0
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan	114-13

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan	110-12
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	116-0
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	123-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURE

4 per cent B P T 1947	110-8
4 per cent M Deb 1947	110-8
5 per cent M Deb 1965	116-8
6 per cent M Deb 1954	129 0
6 per cent K P T 1956	129 8

Trend: Steady.

Tenders For Treasury Bills

Press Communique issued by the Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, states:—

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 2nd December 1941. Total amount offered was Rs. 2,64,00,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-12-6 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-12-3 allotted approximately 18 per cent. Lower tenders were reiected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-13-10 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 9th December 1941. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 12th December 1941. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 28th November 1941, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 5,38,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' Intermediates will be sold from 3rd December 1941 to 8th December 1941 at Rs. 99-12-9 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz. sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' Intermediates sold from 26th November 1941 to 1st December 1941 amounted to Rs. 18,25,000.

Time for receiving tenders until further notice will be 12 noon (Standard Time).

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: December 2.

165 bales ground wattle bark, 135 cases chocolates, 49 cases machinery and parts, 58 drums aniline dyes, 153 bags corks, 60 cases chemicals, 1075 bales raw cotton, 189 cases ivory, 1750 cases beer, 735 c/s whisky, 76 bls cardboard, 582 pcs San earthenware, 200 lse C I cisterns, 100 cases Phosphoric acid, 722 pkgs sewing machinery and parts, 48 rolls Congoleum, 257 lse asbestos cement pipes, 50 bdls iron boot protectors.

EXPORTS

Bombay: December 2.

1000 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 728 bags bone grist B Ardeshir and Co; 14 bags fish maws R Dhanji and Co; 13 cases bristles Allahabad Bank Ltd; 54 bls D/s goat skins (raw) D Abraham and Sons; 32 bags roots G Gokalchand; 90 bdls henna leaves G Gokalchand; 694 bags roots D Abraham and Sons; 670 bls raw wool D Abraham and Sons; 57 bags drugs unmfd E Mavji and Co; 51 bags dandelion root E Mavji and Co; 13 bags turmeric R Meharally and Son; 9 cases bristles D Abraham and Sons; 22 bags belladonna leaves D Abraham and Sons; 27 bags gum Damjo Mavji and Co; 27 bags gum Narsi Mulji and Co; 140 bls hemp raw H K Kesharwala; 150 bls cotton waste oily Manubhai Narotamdas and Co; 75 bls cotton waste clean C Jairam and Co; 1010 tons pig iron Tata Iron Steel Co Ltd; 200 bags talc powder D Abraham and Sons; 26 bls cotton pcegoods The Podar Trading Co Ltd; 50 bls cotton pcegoods Sapt Textile Products (India) Ltd; 96 bls cotton pcegoods Holland Bombay Trading Co Ltd; 12 bls cotton curtain material Holland Bombay Trading Co Ltd; 55 bls cotton pcegoods The Jassanan Carpet Co; 136 tusks ivory Sherali Mahomed; 40 bdls gum E Mavji and Co; 33 bls cotton pcegoods G N Musry; 20 bls cotton pcegoods Manekji and Co

Temperature Below Normal In Central Parts Of India

POONA, December 2

Rain has fallen in a few stations southeast of Madras and North-East Frontier Province, Madras reports two inches. Night temperatures were markedly above normal, along the North-West Frontier, and four to eight degrees Fahrenheit below normal in the central parts of the country and North Deccan.

Forecast until evening of 3rd: Rainfall will be widespread in North Madras Coast, Southeast Madras and Madras Deccan, and local in east Hyderabad and Mysore. There will also be a few showers in Malabar, Southeast Central Provinces, North-West Frontier Province, North Punjab and Kashmir. Night temperatures will begin to fall along the North-West Frontier.

Special warning for Madras Presidency for the next 48 hours. Gales and heavy rain likely in the coastal districts from Nellore to Tanjore. Locally heavy rain is also likely in Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem and Trichinopoly districts.—A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 2-12-1941.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours +.009 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 75.3 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 62.6 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 91.5 degrees (4.1 above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 56.7 degrees (2.9 below normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 46 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 5 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 146 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 19 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 0

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING

DATED 2-12-1941.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 78.3 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.11 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.92 inches.

For the correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

ACTIVE DEMAND FOR COTTON MILL SHARES

Bellapurs On Upward March

STEEL SHARES RECOVER

Bombay, December 2

Yesterday towards the close Tata Steel shares were suddenly depressed owing to difficulties of transfer business, otherwise, sentiment being constructive, the market hardened to-day with renewed buying. It may be said that the improvement in gold price, results into inflation and naturally the share bazar remains bullish with active buying in Cotton Mill shares.

The Wall Street market was irregular and U. S. Steel shares closed unchanged at 50 1/2. Anaconda Copper Mining shares improved 3/8 at 27 1/8 and General Motors declined 3/8 at 35 1/4 dollars

The market opened one hour late to-day. At the opening Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 2306 and advanced to Rs. 2317. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 429 and improved to Rs. 431. Among Cotton Mill shares there was considerable activity. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1470 but this scrip is not so popular among operators and quotations did not show any important change. Colaba Mill shares opened at Rs. 282 and advanced to Rs. 290. Bellapur sugars again spurted up. Century and Simplex Mill shares also were in request. There was extensive buying in Cotton Mill shares and it needed more time to put through all orders, so trading time was extended. Steels were neglected and reacted slightly from high levels but Mills maintained upward March.

Messrs. Patel and Ramdutt in their report state:—

We particularly warn our clients that they should be absolutely within digestible limits and be very cautious. Our caution note to-day is given for the following reasons:—

(1) Market over-loaded. (2) Money Badliwala unwilling to do Badli at high rates in spite of tempting premiums, i.e. Badli difference was very heavy this time. (3) Cash and forward price difference shows distinctly that genuine investors are cautious and do not want to pay very high price. (4) This does not mean that the shares are not intrinsically worth the price. In fact they are really worth more (5) Technical structure is not safe. There being no new shortsales, the market is one-sided and therefore heavily overloaded and so if all come to unload together, there would be a crash. (6) The political situation in the Far-East is bad. (7) Holidays approaching. People have a tendency to lessen their burden before going on holidays.

For these reasons, we would like our clients to play safe and book profits and let others who take greater risk earn a little more. It is better to be satisfied with what profit one gets than to wait for a crisis to overtake him suddenly without a warning. It is for these reasons and these reasons only we strongly advise profit-taking.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, December 2

Bombay Dyeing	(1450)	1470	1475	1480
Century	(515)	524	533	526 530 528 531
Central India	(486)	501	506	515 513
Kohinoor	(609)	618	622	619 629 628
New Great	(384)	388	394	398
Simplex	(251)	259	262	261 269
Swadeshi	(554)	563	560	567 575
Associated Cement	(177)	178	177/8	178/8
Andhra	1862			
Tram Ord	(170)	172		
Tata Hydro	(190)	190		
Tata Power	(1815)	1825		
T Steel Defd	(2267)	2306	2317	2310 2316
T Steel Ord	(423)	429	431	430/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref	(155/4)	155/8		
Bellapur	(314)	325	322	334 332 335 334
B Steam	(465)	452		
B Burma	(560)	583	585	

TEXTILES

Bombay, Dec. 2.

100 Ahmedabad Advance	.....	391 0
250 BOMBAY DYEING	.....	1480 0
100 CENTURY	.....	531 0
100 Colaba	.....	296 0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	.....	513 0
100 Coola	.....	206 0
250 David	.....	402 0
250 Dawn	.....	700 0
1 E D Sassoon Defd.	.....	315 0
100 FINLAY	.....	249 0
100 GOKAK	.....	387 0
1000 Hindustan	.....	2970 0
100 Indore	.....	323 8
100 Khatau	.....	332 0
100 KOHINOOR	.....	628 0
250 LAXMI	.....	825 0
100 MORARJI	.....	672 0
250 Model	.....	241 0
50 MYSORE	.....	132 0
200 NEW GREAT	.....	398 0
100 Oosmanshahi	.....	253 0
100 Podar	.....	577 0
100 Phoenix	.....	482 0
25 Sassoon Silk	.....	106 0
1000 Shahnur	.....	7120 0
50 SIMPLEX	.....	279 8
100 SWADESHI	.....	575 0
100 SWAN	.....	352 0
500 Vishnu	.....	1800 0
1000 Western	.....	2080 0

BANKS

50-100 Baroda	.....	118 0
25-50 Central	.....	54 0
500 Imperial	.....	1632 0
125-500 Imp. Conty.	.....	406 0
50-100 India	.....	150 0
100 Reserve Bank	.....	115 0
5 Union	.....	7 7 6

CEMENTS

100 ASSOCIATED	.....	178 0

INSURANCE

10-50 British India	.....	13 0
100 Emoire	.....	797 0
15-100 Jupiter	.....	18 4
20 Mercantile	.....	74 8
15-75 New India	.....	59 4
200 Oriental	...	4825 0
10-50 Vulcan	.....	11 6

ELECTRIC

100 Ahmedabad Old	.....	188 0
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	.....	1762 0
10 Ajmir	.....	13 1
50 BOMBAY TRAM	.....	172 0
100 Bombay Suburban	.....	188 2
10 Broach	.....	13 6
100 Karachi	.....	217 0
100 Poona	.....	220 0
100 Surat	.....	190 0
100 TATA HYDRO	...	190 0
1000 TATA POWER	.....	1825 0

RAILWAYS

500 Ahmedabad Prantiji		877 0
100 C. Province	.....	111 0
100 Dhond Baramati	.....	104 4
100 Gujarat	.....	105 0
100 Mandra Bhon	.....	107 0
100 Pachora Jamner	.....	97 8
100 Sara Sirajganj	.....	107 0
500 Tapti Valley XD		647 0

MININGS

8 Burma Corp.	.....	4 10
8sh Indian Copper	.....	2 5
10 Indian Iron and Steel	.....	35 8
30 SHIVRAJPUR	.....	51 0
10 Mucund Iron XD.	.....	14 0
30 TATA STEEL DEF	.....	2316 0
75 TATA STEEL ORD	.....	430 0
10 Steel Corporation	.....	21 8

MISCELLANEOUS

100 ALCOCK	.....	677 0
10 Air Services	.....	2 14
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	.....	334 0
200 Bombay Safe Dep.	.....	650 0
250 BOMBAY STEAM XD	...	452 0

NEW YORK COTTON FOURTEEN POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH

New York: December 2.

Previous closing 16.39
To-day's opening 16.39
Difference ..... nil
To-day's closing 16.53
Difference ..... +14

BROACH EXPECTATION.

Broach April/May ..... Rs. 244

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York: December 2.

New York cotton was moderately active on scattered trade and local buying but lack of constructive developments in Washington restrained the sentiment.

Trading in March began at 16.39, i.e. unchanged from the last closing.

Prices steadied on scattered local support but the general enquiry was slow with operators showing inclination to extend commitments pending developments abroad.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

December (16.20/20) 16.16/16
March (16.47/47) 16.40/39
May (16.54/54) 16.50/50

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London: December 2.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Dec/Jan (£20 3/8 quoted) £20 3/8
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Dec/Jan (£20 3/4 quoted) £20 3/4
Linseed La Plata Dec/Jan (£13 7/8 quoted) £13 7/8
Groundnut Coromandal Coast Dec/Jan (£19 quoted) £19 1/4 sellers.

JUTES

Dundee October/November unquoted
Lightning October/November unquoted

RUBBER

Spot unquoted
Forward December unquoted

LONDON METALS

Tin (£257 3/4 buyers, £258 sellers. Firm) £257 buyers, £257 1/4 sellers.
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 2 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: December 2.

Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening 4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: December 2.

Previous closing ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD

London: December 2.

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

LONDON SILVER

London: December 2.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30-36) 30.36
London on Shanghai (0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16) 0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16
London on Kobe not quoted

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay: December 2.

There was no trading during night session.

New York Stock Exchange

New York: December 2.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices are as under:—

General Motors (dol 35 5/8) dol 35 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 27) dol 27-1/8.
U S Steel Common (dol 51) dol 51
U S Steel Preference (dol 116) dol 116.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London: December 2.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London: December 2.

5 per cent 1958/68 £103

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £82 3/16 ex-div.
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/4
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 15/16
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 3/4
New York Loan £101 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £114

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-1
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 39-6
Electric Music Industry 14-9
Princhin Johnson 22-9
Imperial Chemical 33-7
Woolsworth New Ordinary 53-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates £75
Dundee 35-3
Unilever Ordinary 28-1
Ford Motors 25-3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £71
British American Tobacco Ordinary £5 1/4
Carreas 'A' ..5
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 13/16
P and O Def 30-6
Distillers 24-6
Bredfords Dye 8 0
British Celanese 7-5
J and P Coates 38-1
Courtaulds Ordinary 35-9
Fine Cotton Spinner 5-5
Vickers Limited Ordinary 18-0
Inter Nickel dol 42 ex-div.
Indian Iron 57-6

TEA SHARES

Assam 18-9
Donaro Tea 33-0
Empire of India 20-3

JUTE

Barnagore £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber 17-9
Gula Kelampong 15-7
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 28-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 18-9
Burma Corporation 6-7
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £2 3/16
Rand Mines £7 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £10 5/8
Associated Portland Cement 52-6
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub Nigel £7 7/16
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 7/32
Union Corporation 157-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-3
Anglo India 48-9
Burma Oil £3 3/8
Mexican Eagle 12-0
Shell Transport £3 1/4
Royal Dutch £23 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £42
London Midland Ordinary £16 1/4
London North Eastern Def £1 9/16
London Southern Defd £14 1/4
London Transport 5 per cent £127 1/2
London Transport £41 1/4

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Good Activity In Industrials

CALCUTTA: December 2.

A slightly more active market was found in the Stock Exchange to-day and a fair volume of business was put through all round. Cottons, Coals, Jutes, Teas and the favourite Miscellaneous Industrials showed good signs of activity at gradually improving rates. The speculative Engineering issues, also kept quiet, but steady. Government securities were firm and unchanged.

Govt. Securities: 3 1/2 per cent Govt Paper 96, 4 per cent Punjab Bonds 1946 105/10, 5 per cent Punjab Bonds 1952 99/1.

Banks: Central 53/8, Imperial Conty 402, Reserve 111.

Cottons: Basanti ord 6/5, Basanti Pref 8/9, Benares Cotton and Silk 6/4, Bengal Nagpur Cotton ord 21/6, Cawnpore Textiles 9/13, Dunbar ord 265, Elgin Mills ord 33/2, Kesoram 11/13, New Victoria ord 5/15, New Victoria defd 3/4, New Victoria pref 8/8.

Coals: Amalgamated 27-15, Baraboni annas 6, Bengal 396, Bansra 4-10, Borrea ord 17/1, Burra Dhemo 6/8, Bokaro 17/11, Burrakur 14/12, Burrakur pref 157, Churulia 1/14, Dhemo Main 13/8, Ghusick and Muslia 5, Hurralidih 14, Katras Jherriah 28/2, North Damuda 5/13, Pench Valley 36/8, Samla Colliery 2/9, Standard 22/6, Talcher 2/6, West Jamuria 31/12, East Indian 17/6, Jainty Central 1/15, Kuardi 3/13, Nazira 9/4, Parasea 1/5, Sendra 13/3, Singaran 'A' 1/7, Union 34/14.

Jutes: Albion ord 38, Alliance 388, Alliance pref 150, Anglo-India 383 s l, Agarpara ord 40/12, Auckland 198 s lot, Bally pref 168 Bervedere 436, Caledonian 441, Birla Pref 145, Champdany 201/8, Cheviot 217, Chitavalsah 17/12, Clive ord 27/13, Craig 2/10, Ganges ord 343, Gondalpara 1367, Hastings pref 147 ex-div, Hooghly ord 75/4, Howrah 58/14, India 410 c-div, Kamarhatty 555, Kinnison 771, s lots, Lawrence 566, Lothians 275, Meghna 66, Naskarpara 20/14, Nuddea 68/2, New Central 355, New Central pref 176 Orient 215, Presidency 6/5, Rameswara 11/10 Reliance 60/12 ex-div, Union 540 s lot, Waverley 4/3.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 4/8, Indian Copper 2/4, Rhodesia Sopper annas 13, Tavoy Tin 1/2, Assam Bengal Cement ord 16, Dalmia Cement ord 16/2, Dalmia Cement Defd 4/2, Dalmia Cement pref 123 s l, Bareilly Electric 14/4, Braithwaite and Co 10, Indian Galvanizing 35/8 c-h, Indian Iron and Steel 35/6, Indian St. and Wire Products ord 58/4, Indian St and Wire Products defd 38/2, Kumardhubi Eng 6/5, Steel Corpn ord 21/6, Steel Corpn pref 125, Bararee Coke 29/6, B I Corporation 5/11, Ivan Jones 2/14, B B Petrol 3/13, Bengal Paper ord 154/8 s l, India Paper Pulp 169, Mysore Paper 18/12, Orient Paper ord 18/6, Orient Paper pref 115, Titaghur Paper ord 23/4 s l, Midnapore Zemindary 73/8, Bairampur Sugar 13, Buland 26/9 ex-div, Carew and Co ord 13/5, Raza 28/1 ex-div, Ryam 28 s lot, Samastipore 12, Bateli 8/12.

Debentures: 3 per cent 1951 Cal. Port Trust 99/4, 5 1/2 per cent 1939/47 Dalmia Cement 106/8 s lot.—A. P.

MEND THIS TRAGIC SITUATION

'Daily Herald' Welcomes Gandhiji's Christmas's Truce With Britain

LONDON, December 1

India is wholly with us. India is wholly working with us. India is fully committed to our cause and is capable of material and moral contribution to war, which will do immense harm to Japan, military and political, declares the "Daily Herald" in an editorial.

The newspaper adds "India as she is today—resentful, divided whole-hearted in the hatred of Nazism but half-hearted in the support of Britain—is an enigma to us and encouragement to our enemies. This tragic situation can be mended.

The "Daily Herald" refuses to believe that British statesmanship is incapable of satisfying Indian aspirations with results lustrous to British honour and invaluable to the cause of all democracy.

Mr. Gandhi has announced his intention to suspend the "Symbolic civil disobedience" in India during the Christmas and New Year holidays. That is a gesture. It may be a meaningless gesture. Or perhaps it can be given powerful and permanent meaning by a new approach to the negotiation from the British side. Certainly it is for Britain, the ruling power, to make the next move." The "Daily Herald" concludes, the British people want free, frank and equal relationship with India."—Reuter.

Reserve Bank To Sell Silver

It is notified for general information that the Reserve Bank is prepared to sell on behalf of Government standard silver from Government stocks at the Bombay Mint, in bars or cut coin at its option, in quantities equivalent to not less than 25 bars for any single transaction at the rate of Rs. 62/4 per 100 tolas fine. Details of the terms and conditions of the sale may be ascertained from the Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Bombay.

Grave Charge Against Sangali State Sardar

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Nov. 29.

Mr. G. B. Shinde, Additional City Magistrate, Poona, framed a charge of attempt of murder against Ganpatrao Hariharrao alias Dadasahib Patwardhan-Mangalwedhekar, a First-Class Sardar of the Sangali State Durbar who, it was alleged, tried to fire shots at his son Pandurangarao alias Appasahib Patwardhan, while the latter slept in his bed, on early morning of May 14.

It was further alleged that there was some dispute between the aged father and the young son about the income from the Jahagir, and the son had suspicions that the accused did not make proper use of the property.

Since the day of offence the old man has been kept in the Yeravda Central Prison as an undertrial prisoner. The case has been committed to the Court of Sessions Judge, Poona.

Govt. Of India's Agent In Malaya

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

A press note states:—Mr. Natarajan Pillai, who was recently appointed Assistant Agent in Malaya, is now acting as Agent to the Government of India in Malaya for Mr. S. Dutt, I.C.S.

Mr Dutt was agent in Malaya for about nine months and had to leave Malaya on account of his health and on medical advice to the effect that it would be most unwise for him to stay longer in the climate of that country or to return there after his recovery.

The Government of India are now considering the appointment of Mr. Dutt's successor.—A. P.

Listening To Shooting Stars

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30

As a result of a new discovery by engineers of All-India Radio, it is now possible to listen to shooting stars as they strike the earth's atmosphere at terrific speeds about 60 miles above the surface of the earth.

The method is an electrical one and the presence of shooting stars is heard as a peculiar sound from the loudspeaker of the special equipment.

Important new information on shooting stars and the upper atmosphere is being obtained through this development.

No Guindy Races To-day

Heavy Rains In Madras: Traffic Dislocated

MADRAS, Dec. 2.

Madras city is experiencing another spell of heavy rains since yesterday. The sky was cloudy throughout yesterday afternoon with light drizzling occasionally which developed into a heavy downpour shortly after midnight.

This continued till about 4 a.m. to-day and a total of two point 32 inches of rain was registered for 34 hours shortly after 9 a.m. as a result of which roads and streets were heavily flooded and vehicular traffic was dislocated for considerable time.

The rainfall in the city during the year so far amounts to over 53 inches which is nearly four inches in excess of the average.

Owing to rains there will be no races at Guindy to-morrow.—A.P.

MULTY-FARNHAM DESTROYED

(From Our Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. A. H. Wadia's valuable race horse Multyfarnham came down near the second enclosure with his rider Raffaele while being exercised this morning and having sustained a broken leg had to be destroyed. The rider escaped unhurt.

The tragic end of Multyfarnham is a grave loss not only to its owner, Mr. A. H. Wadia but to Indian racing. This five year old chestnut gelding by Stefan the Great out of Coroado, distinguished itself last season when Raffaele steered it to victory over a mile and one furlong. It was again successful in the present season on Nov. 15 when, with the same rider in the saddle it trounced a field of 17 horses in Class III over the same distance.

Tennis Tournament At Matunga

Open Table Tennis Challenge Shields Championship Tournament for the Suburbs and E, F and G Wards will take place at the South Indian Association, Currimbhoy Ebrahim Khoja Orphanage Building, Annexe, Telang Road, Matunga.

Hours of Play: First session will be from 7 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. and for second session 8-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m.

Entrance Fees: Singles Re. 1; Doubles Re. 1; Consolation Annas 8. Minimum entrance fee of Re. 1 per head will be charged.

The tournament will commence on Sunday the 7th inst. and will conclude on Saturday, the 20th inst. Closing date of entries on Wednesday (to-day) at 9 p.m. (S.T.)

PARLE-ANDHERI MUNICIPAL BOARD

Results Of The 'D' And 'F' Wards Announced

(From Our Suburban Correspondent).

VILE-PARLE: December 2.

The following candidates have been duly elected from 'D' Ward:—Mr. C. D. Barfivalla 906 votes, Mr. J. D'Mello 848, Mr. Shantaram Patil 559

Mr. V. V. Salestekar the fourth candidate and the present President of the Municipality, loses his seat as he got only 507 votes.

In 'F' Ward following are the candidates:—Mr. Amritlal Parekh, Dr. R. P. Bhatt and Mr. P. M. Mistri (both sitting members) and Mr. Gangurde V. (Harijan seat).

WHEN STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Central Legislative Assembly will be held here on December 15 and 16. Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member will preside.

On the same dates will be held the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee for Railways to consider the Capital Works programme of Indian Railways. Mr. Sankara Iyer, Financial Commissioner for Railways will preside.—A. P.

H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal has donated Rs. 1,000 to the Free French cause.

Settlement Reached In Ahmedabad Labour Dispute

EMPRESS MILL IMPLEMENTS TEXTILE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 2.

The settlement of Ahmedabad labour dispute between the Majur Mahajan and the Millowners' Association has been announced this evening at 7-30 by both the parties. Both have signed the pact of settlement. Gandhiji has been informed telegraphically.

Representatives of both the parties are starting for Bombay to-night to register the settlement before the Industrial Court. Under the terms of the agreement regular workers during the year are to receive approximately one and half months bonus. Workers are jubilant at the settlement, and the city has got relief from the danger of a general strike.

Dearness Allowance, Wage-Cut Restoration And Bonus For Regularity

NAGPUR, Dec. 2.

The first textile mill in C. P. and Berar to give to its operatives all the benefits recommended by the C. P. Textile Enquiry Committee and approved by the Provincial Government in their resolution of Nov. 21st is the Empress mill, Nagpur.

About 17,000 operatives of the Empress Mill out of a total of about 30,000 in the whole Province will thus benefit "inter alia" by a dearness allowance restoration of wage cut and a bonus for regularity in attendance with retrospective effect as mentioned in the resolution.

Management of the Empress Mill has agreed to give the benefit on the distinct understanding that workers will not resort to a sympathetic or general strike.—A. P.

AKOLA MILL STRIKE THREAT

AKOLA, Dec. 2.

According to the instructions of the Council of action the local Textile Union has posted notice of a strike to take effect on December 11 to the two local textile mills.

It may be recalled that the Government accepted the major recommendations of Mr. Jayaratnam, who conducted an inquiry into Labour conditions and advised the millowners to accept the same. The millowners were asked to announce their decision to their operatives before December 1. Both the local mills not having declared their decision on December 1, the strike notice has been given.—A. P.

NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL

Various Aspects Of Problem Explained

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

The second session of the National Defence Council continued to-day at the Viceroy's house. His Excellency presided both in the morning and in the afternoon, says a 'communique.'

At the morning session, Gen. Sir Clement Armitage, Master-General of the Ordnance, made a statement on the supply position in its military aspect from all points of view, and put the Council in possession of the latest information of developments in regard to it.

He was followed by the Hon. Sir Homi Mody, the Supply Member, who made an exhaustive exposition of the supply position with special reference to timber, leather goods, textiles, foodstuffs, and medical stores; and a discussion followed on the material that had been laid before the National Defence Council by him.

The Hon. Sir Andrew Clow, the Communications Member, thereafter addressed the Council on the work of the Railways in relation to war effort and connected questions.

"WAR FINANCE"

He was followed by the Hon. Sir Jeremy Raisman, who spoke to the Council on 'War Finance' and on a large variety of matters of financial concern and interest arising in connection with the war.

The proceedings concluded by a statement by the Hon. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Commerce Member, on recent developments in industrial research in India, and by a demonstration by Sir S. S. Bhatnagar of the special researches which have been carried out in connection with war effort to assist the defence and supply departments.

The Council adjourned until to-morrow morning.—A. P.

PRINCES' EXECUTIVE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

The Standing Committee of Princes is meeting this week. The Princes expected to attend the meetings include Their Highnesses of Alwar, Bhopal, Jaipur, Mandi, Narsingarh, Nawanagar, Panna, Patiala, Rewa, Simoor; The Jam Saheb of Nawanagar, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes will preside.

The agenda includes questions relating to the war, income-tax, mining leases in States, co-operative grouping for certain administrative purposes and information regarding States. The Standing Committee would also frame provisional agenda for next Chamber session.—A. P.

BHOPAL RULER FOR DELHI

BHOPAL Dec. 2.

It is understood that H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal is leaving for Delhi to-morrow to participate in the talks which the Select Committee of the Princes are to have with H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, and to attend the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes. His Highness is expected to return to Bhopal on December 6.—A. P.

Sir Akber Hydari's Programme

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

Sir Akber Hydari leaves Delhi on Saturday the 13th. He goes to Benares and stays there on Sunday. Leaving Benares on the 16th, he arrives in Howrah on the 16th and stays in Calcutta from 17th to 20th.

Sir Akber leaves Howrah on the 21st and reach Allahabad on the 22nd. He leaves Allahabad on the 23rd by the Toofan Express and returns to Delhi the same afternoon.—A. P.

Have Full Faith In Gandhiji's Leadership

When Satyagraha Is On, Talk Of Amnesty Does Not Arise, Say City Congressmen

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The first anniversary of Satyagraha in the City was observed at Jinnah Hall this evening under the presidentship of Mr. Nagindas T. Master.

Mr. Dhirubhai Desai in welcoming Messrs. Nagindas and S. K. Patil narrated the circumstances which led to the launching of individual Satyagraha by the Congress, consequent on Britain rejecting the all-too-moderate demands of the Congress.

READY TO GO BACK.

Mr. Nagindas Master said that he was very grateful to the opportunity he was given to preside over the Satyagraha anniversary a few hours after he was released.

Referring to his jail life, he said that his only contact with the world outside was through the newspapers. He was glad to say that both those Satyagrahis who were still in jail and those who had been released, were quite ready to go to jail again and again at Mahatma Gandhi's behest.

He hoped that Bombay which had covered itself with honour in the previous struggles would not be found lagging this time.

Mr. S. K. Patil, who announced that he was re-offerring Satyagraha on the 6th instant, said:—

"The Satyagrahis who have courted imprisonment have done so with full knowledge of their responsibilities and the implications of their action. Congressmen have not gone to jail merely to be released. I earnestly appeal to all Congressmen not to pay the slightest heed to these oft-repeated rumours of general release but go on doing their work in the spirit of strict discipline and loyalty to their leader."

REALISTIC ATTITUDE.

Speaking about the plea that Congressmen must adopt what they call the realistic attitude, Mr. Patil asked, "What is realistic in making a surrender, while the Government on their part have not, in the slightest degree, shown any response whatsoever to the noble attitude of non-embarrassment, which the Congress has pursued during the last 12 months under Gandhiji's leadership? I may go a step further and say that the British Government has not even bothered to maintain the 'status quo,' in this fight. They have done things which have worsened the situation. The non-application of the Atlantic Charter on which the British Premier has given his final decision is a sufficient eye-opener if any was needed to convince us of the stand which Britain is going to adopt at the end of the war.

Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoy said that the last year had made it clear to India that nothing just or generous could be expected from the British.

He criticised the talk of political amnesty and the calling off of Satyagraha, for, if anything, the position had deteriorated in the last 12 months.

He expressed his fullest faith in the power of the Congress and the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

The Governor of Bombay attended by Mr. P. Stafford Aide-de-Camp returned from Nasik on Tuesday.

AIR FORCE MAINTENANCE SERVICE

Training Centre At Jamnagar

(From Our Correspondent)

JAMNAGAR

Mr P. H. Davy of the Civil Aviation Directorate took round the journalists and showed them various branches of training at the Air Services of India Limited, Workshop in Jamnagar, which is one of the nine civil centres in India.

Apart from the vast technical side of the training course, three years' normal course is being imparted within one year only, and every small detail necessary, to prepare a full fledged Aircraft mechanic for maintenance purposes has been embodied in the course.

The trainees are housed in a modern building, made ready for their hostel, quite near the workshops. In order to expedite and reduce the period of training, most of the theoretical work has been curtailed and almost 75 per cent of practical work is executed. The trainees could be suitably called "Flight Mechanics". Mr. Davy explained that there would be about 10 to 20 ground personnel to maintain an Aircraft. H. H. the Maharaja jamsaheb also inspected the workshops and acquainted himself with all the details. Mr. Davy and his other colleagues were satisfied with the progress of the trainees, but Mr. Davy expressed the hope that candidates of quality would still come forward in large numbers, as the want for more men was still there.

RELIEF FOR FLOOD-STRICKEN ASSAM

SHILLONG, Dec. 2.

In the Assam Assembly to-day the Premier Sir M. Saadulla announced that the Government had already sanctioned a sum of Rs. 11,40,500/- for the relief of the flood stricken people in Sylhet District.—A. P.

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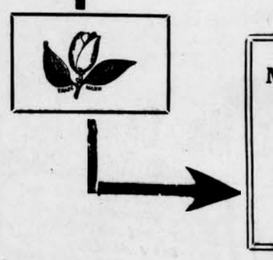

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BOMBAY & SUBURBS

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

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Parsi: Khordad 30, 1311.
Sunrise: 6h. 57m.
Sunset: 6h. 1m.
Hightide: 11-30; 00-00
Lowtide: 5-45; 17-34
Standing Committee Meeting: 2 p.m. (B.T.)
THURSDAY: Dec. 4:
Corporation Meeting: 3 p.m. (B.T.)

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Greeting telegrams classed "XL T" for Kuwait will not be accepted for this Christmas and New Year.

WHEN BHISE WILL BE RELEASED

Acharya Bhise from Bordi, after completion of a year's imprisonment, will be released from Yeravda Jail on 6th inst. and will arrive at Dadar same evening by Express train.

BOM. HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Conversazione of members in the Library of the Prince of Wales Museum, to-day (Wednesday), at 6 p.m. Mr. K. G. Gyani will speak on "The Hero Stones of Eksar."

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: A public meeting for Questions and Answers will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain. All questions are welcome and all are cordially invited.

GUMASTA MEETING: Propaganda meetings to popularise the ensuing Gumasta Conference will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 9-30 p.m. at Dadar, Palon Sojpal Wadi, under the presidentship of Sjt. Samaldas Gandhi.

KARNATAK SANGH STUDY CIRCLE: Mr. S. B. Joshi, a well-known research scholar of Dharwar will give a talk on "Kannada Language and Culture" to-day (Wednesday) at 9 p.m. at Govindashram, Lady Jamshedji Rd., Dadar.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCN.: Classes in Child Psychology in Marathi and French for beginners will begin to-day (Wednesday) in Wilson College and Khalsa College, 6-30 and 7 p.m. respectively. Other classes for the day as usual.

BACHUBAI KARSONDAS DISPENSARY: At the Bai Bachubai Kanji Karsondas Charitable Dispensary for Women and Children conducted by the Social Service League, Bombay, at Parel, 2,110 patients consisting of 1,028 women and 1,082 children were treated during November 1941. The daily average attenuance of patients was 84.

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting of the Gatha Society will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the K.R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136 Apollo St., Fort, Bombay when Mr. Behramgore Tehmuras Anklesaria will give an exposition in Gujarati of the Vahishta Ishti Gatha (Yasna Ha 53), strophe 9.

G.I.P. RAILWAYMEN'S UNION: Mr. S. C. Joshi, General Secretary of G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union, will interview to-day (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. Mr. W. T. Griffiths, the Deputy General Manager (Staff) to discuss the questions of wages to Parel and Matunga workmen for the stay-in-strike period and grant of supernumerary promotion to Time-keepers of Parel Workshops.

BHARATIYA NAVYUVAK SANGH: The office-bearers of the new Executive Committee of the above Sangh were elected as follows:—President: Mr. K. N. Agrawal; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Bhimraj Vaidya and Sitaram Mishra, Gen Secretary: Mr. Brijmohan Gupta, Jt. Secretaries: Messrs. B.J. Saraf and Nandkishore Singhal, Treasurer: Mr. I. N. Sawalka.

MILK RATION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: A public meeting of the residents of the Tardeo Division was held under the auspices of the Tardeo Vyayam Shala in the Gora Gandhi Compound, Arthur Road, Tardeo, on Sunday last under the presidentship of Dr. V. R. Bhoosrath when a resolution to re-start milk ration in Municipal schools under their care for the benefit of poor, weak and underfed school children was passed.

MUSIC ACADEMY AT MATUNGA: Under the guidance of Sangit Bhushanam T. S. Krishnaswami, Sri Krishna Music Academy will be inaugurated at 7 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Zaver Vihar, Brahmanwada Road, Matunga. The Academy will provide instruction on recognised university lines in Carnatic music, vocal and violin, from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. daily on week days.

"SIGNIFICANCE OF A.R.P.": Under the auspices of the A.R.P. Kurla Division, Prof. V. G. Rao delivered an interesting lecture on "The Significance of A.R.P." at the Swadeshi Mills Co-operative Hall, last week-end, when there was a large turnout of local Civic Guards and A.R.P. Wardens. The learned lecturer impressed upon those present the necessity for preparedness in the present circumstances and appealed for an enthusiastic response to His Excellency the Governor's recent call for more volunteers.

WEDDING AT SANTA CRUZ: A large gathering was present at "Krishna Kunja" Santa Cruz, on Friday, to witness the wedding of Mr. Surendralal Paramanand Shah, the nephew of Mr. Keshawlal Vallabhjee Shah, proprietor of the Anglo-Indian Drug and Chemical Co., with Sushila, daughter of Mr. Mohanlal Harakchand Javeri.
The bridegroom was the recipient of many valuable presents. Over 700 guests were present at the garden party held at Murar Baug, Bombay, on Thursday evening, to celebrate the wedding.

DADAR SARVAJANIK FREE NIGHT SCHOOL: A Correspondent writes:—
During the month of November the following donations were received:—Shrimatis Shantabai Govindlal Rs. 101, Rajkumari Narayanlal Pitti Rs. 101, Bom. Prov. Harijan Sevak Sangh Rs. 50, Sjt. Jethalal Ramji Rs. 50.
The school is working for the last 12 years. It is for the purpose of fighting illiteracy and at the same time training the pupils for the professions of tailoring, smithy and the Flute band. The languages taught are English, Gujarati, Marathi and Hindi. Physical training is also imparted. There is also a class for Vernacular Final, after passing which the students are taken up as teachers in schools.

Mr. Mathooradas Tricumjee

Mr. Mathooradas Tricamjee, ex-Mayor, who has been ill, left Bombay for Deolali, for a change on Tuesday.

Hyder Khan Released And Rearrested

BOMBAY: Tuesday.
Mr. Amir Hyder Khan who was released from Nasik Jail yesterday, was immediately rearrested and taken back into police custody. Mr. Khan was convicted in Bombay on August 6, last year.

Mr. J. R. Screwvala's Lecture

Under the auspices of the Bombay Secondary Teachers' Association, Mr. Jehangir Ruttonji Screwvala, Hon. Asstt. Gen. Secretary of the Bombay Historical Society, delivered a public lecture on "India in the Westminster Abbey and India in the Buckingham Palace," in the Secondary Training College Hall, Dhobi Talao, on Friday, when Dr. Manilal Patel, Principal, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, presided.
The lecturer gave the history of both the places and narrated the history of those buried in the Westminster Abbey, from the time of Queen Elizabeth to late Earl Willingdon, ex-Viceroy of India and the late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore. He referred to the collection of swords and other kinds of weapons presented by one hundred princes and nobles of India, to H. M. the late King Edward VII, when he visited India as Prince of Wales. He projected also pictures pertaining to the subject.
After a vote of thanks to the chair, to the lecturer and to all present by Mr. D.M. Desai, the Hon. Jt. Secretary of the Association, the function came to an end.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Great American Broadcast". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Mail Train". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Blossoms in the Dust". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Thief of Bagdad." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Time Out for Rhythm". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"As You Please." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Nai-Roshni" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Anjan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Sangam". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Gharki Lai" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Sasural" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Padosi". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Swami". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Circus Queen" Daily at 1-30, 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Darshan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Punarmilan" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"The Birth of a Baby". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Asra" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"Ziegfeld Girl." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(By A SUBURBAN MAN).

On Sunday evening the Chimbai Fisherfolks Sports and Dramatic Union of Bandra held their 10th annual variety entertainment in the St. Andrew's Church compound. Mr. Johnny I. Albuquerque, Assistant Superintendent of Foreign Post, presided. Nearly 2,000 people were present. The programme was a long and interesting, with songs in English, Marathi and Hindi, all very creditably performed. The Marathi farce "Bishowi Navrana Athvur Baicka" took the audience by storm. The President paid tributes to the activities of the Union.
Mr. S. K. Mody, B. Com., eldest son of Mr. R. D. Mody, First Class City Magistrate, Bandra, was married last week-end to Miss Susnila Damania B.A., daughter of Mr. Ishwarlal Damania of Santa Cruz, a well-known businessman of Bombay. On Sunday last Mr. R. D. Mody gave a reception at St. Martin's Hall Bandra.
On Sunday evening the members of the Bombay Suburban Defence Loans Committee held a function at the Palm Grove Hotel, Juhu. Mr. G. W. McElhinny, Collector of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District and Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Punjabi were the guests of honour.

Mr. Shiavax Sorabji Kapadia, who was formerly on the Editorial Staff of the "Bombay Sentinel", now with the "Sunday Standard" and the eldest son of Mr. Sorabji P. Kapadia, Editor of the "Bombay Samachar" was married to Miss Gool Meher Homjee at the Aibless Baug on Sunday.

SERVED STOCK BROKERS' ASSOC. WHOLE-HEARTEDLY

President Unveils Photographs Of Two Patrons

BOMBAY, Tuesday.
Under the auspices of the Native Share and Stock Brokers Association Dalal Street, Bombay, the unveiling ceremony of the photographs of Mr. Rajendra Somnarayen and the late Mr. Ardeshir Hormusji Madan was performed this noon by Mr. K. R. P. Shroff President of the association.
In the course of this address the president said, late Mr. Madan was serving as the secretary of the Association. He eulogized his contribution to the cause of the Institution. He had unflinchingly devoted his time in the interest of the share bazaar.
Speaking about Mr. Rajendra Somnarayen, the president said that though he is one of the literary magnates of the Bombay University and was for some time serving as a teacher, he is greatly interested in the business of this association. He has served the Association for the last 20 years.
Mr. Rajendra Somnarayen thanked the association for the honour done to to him.

AMENDMENT TO FODDER AND GRAIN CONTROL ACT.

The Bombay Fodder and Grain Control Act, 1939 which was enacted with a view to controlling the prices of fodder and grain and to stopping the removal of the existing stocks from famine and scarcity affected areas, has been amended so as to penalise even attempts to remove fodder or grain from any such area without obtaining the necessary permission for its removal.
The amending Act is published in the "Bombay Government Gazette" of December 1.

On The Air

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far-East. 6 Bheedpalasi on Vichitra Veena. 5-15 For women. 6-15 Anwar Bai. 6-30 Will you Solve my Problem? Discussion in Hindustani. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 It has happened, or Chhayanat on Sarod. 7-50 Duet. 8 Maqsood Anwar. 8-15 Thinking to Purpose, 3: Talk. 8-30 Instrumental Trio. 8-40 Anwar Bai of Agra. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Maqsood Anwar. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Mumtaz Husain Laddan. 10-15 Inayat Ali. 10-30 Anwar Bai.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
8 a.m Sitar recital. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 S. R. Arbi. 8-40 Anant Kerkar. Sarangi. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 G. S. Yelapurkar. 9-25 Hira Bai Javeri. 9-50 A I R Sextet. 12-30 p.m. Bhavgeets. 12-45 Raga music. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Music from Movies. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 4-15 School Broadcast. 5 Tomorrow 5-5 Sumati Parmekar. 5-15 D. Dani: Gujarati poems. 5-25 Rajabhau Sathe. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Tambe Shastri. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 A I R Trio. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 S. R. Arbi. 6-45 Hira Bai Javeri. 7 Nae Nae Film. 7-15 Datta Jayanti. 7-35 S. R. Arbi. 7-45 News commentary in English. 7-50 Jaltarang solo. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Matters of moment. 8-45 At a quarter to..9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 V. G. Bhatkar and Party. 10-15 Showtime.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Tambe Shastri. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Gujarati Geets. 9 Rajbhau Sathe. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.
61.48 metres (4 880 kc/s)
4-15 to 5-40 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-40 Allah Rakha. 5-50 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Sumati Parmekar. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1 7-15 Interval.
89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)
7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Tambe Shastri. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 A I R Orchestra. 9-10 V. G. Bhatkar and Party. 9-20 Hira Bai Javeri. 9-30 Victorine Mich De Souza: Soprano. 9-45 John Steeves: Baritone. 10 Sir Thomas Beecham and His Symphony Orchestra. 10-15 to 10-45 As in Bombay 1.

RELIEF FOR DETENUS

Variety Entertainment On December 13

The Detenu Aid Committee appointed by the Bombay Civil Liberties Union has made an appeal to the public to patronise a variety entertainment organised by the Committee on December 13 at Sunderabai Hall, Queen's Road.
In the course of the appeal, Messrs. N. M. Joshi, M.L.A (Chairman) V. L. Mehta, S. A. Brelvi and N. H. Pandya say:
"Besides bringing political pressure to bear upon the Government to get them to improve the conditions of the detenus it is necessary that we should render whatever financial assistance that may be necessary to the needy families of the detenus and to the detenus themselves who may be ill or who may otherwise need some cash and necessary articles in prisons. The Detenu Aid Committee appointed by the Bombay Civil Liberties Union has already made an appeal to the public for Rs. 5,000 as the minimum amount necessary for our requirements.
The Committee is organising a variety entertainment on the 13th December, 1941 at Bai Sunderbai Hall, Queen's Road, in aid of the fund. Popular well-known artists and students have consented to give various dance and musical items. The function would be a unique one, both from the point of view of fine entertainment provided and from the point of view of justice and urgency of the cause.
We appeal to the public to give their full support to the Detenu Aid Fund. Contributions may be sent to and tickets may be had from Miss Kamal Wagle, Servants of India Society, Sandhurst Road, Bombay 4."

Art For Children

"In this age of standardisation and mechanical routine the spirit of man feels stifled for want of opportunity for adequate self-expression. In the sphere of education also we perceive very little original work of creative type and emotional side of child's life is starved. The crying need of the hour is a new angle of vision and method of approach in the education of the child who is bursting with the urge to express its creative faculty through various forms of art. It is to understand and foster the artistic instinct of the child that we have met here to-day to start the Child Art Society." Remarked Prof. P. A. Wadia, while inaugurating the Child Art Society at a meeting held at 5-30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Fellowship School, Bombay. The meeting was attended by Principals of different schools of Bombay and Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Child Art.
Mr. C. A. Muchhala briefly explained the need for starting the society to educate public opinion in the matter regarding the right approach to develop artistic talent of children.
Mr. M. T. Vyas of the New Era School and Mr. S. U. Shukla of H. M. Public School supported Mr Muchhala and complimented Mr. Pulin Bihari Dutt who gave child art to Bombay for the first time in 1928 through painting and is chiefly responsible for starting the society. They appealed to the members present to support the society by enrolling their friends as members.
Prof. P. A. Wadia was then elected the Chairman of the Society. Among other office-bearers are:—
Mr. C. A. Muchhala (Secretary).
Mr. T. P. Telang (Treasurer) and
Messrs. P. Dutt, M. T. Vyas, S. U. Shukla, A. S. Sthalekar, R. N. Vakil and Harishchandra Bhatt as ordinary members.
The proceedings terminated with the vote of thanks to the Chair, by Mr. S. U. Shukla and Mr C. A. Muchhala.

ANJUMAN-I-ISLAM

The annual general meeting of the Anjuman-i-Islam, Bombay, was held at the Anjuman-i-Islam High School, Bombay on Sunday evening when the following were elected as its executives for the year 1941-42.
The following were elected members of the Managing Committee: Mr. R. F. Munshi, Moulvi Abdul Rauf Khan, Messrs. A. A. Jasdanwalla, S. A. Brelvi, Moosa T. Menon, Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mohamed Ali S. Maniar, Cassam Ali Dawoodbhoy.
Mr. A. E. Maskati, was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Messrs. Habib and Company were appointed Auditors.

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DEFENCE AND INDIANISATION

If Government cannot make more decent provision for Indians in the Indian Defence forces, their spokesmen should at least speak less often and less complacently on the subject. But Major General Molesworth, Deputy Chief of the General Staff, spoke on the radio on Sunday as if the progress of Indianisation in the different forces was absolutely satisfactory No Department of Defence is what it should be and can be and in no Department have Indians the position which is their due General Molesworth spoke of several striking contrasts between 1941 and 1918. But more striking and more relevant would be the contrast between the present needs and the present preparation. "To-day thousands are joining the colours", he said, "from Cape Comorin to the Himalayas". This may be true of common troops, though even these are fewer than were put into the field during the last war and much fewer than the needs of the vast country demand. But what matters most in the question of Indianisation is the number of officers. And in this respect the position is very far from satisfactory.

Insulting Suggestion

General Molesworth points out that "to-day there are hundreds of Indian Commissioned Officers and many hundreds more under training". But the fact remains, as was revealed by Sir Gurunath Bewoor the other day in the Central Assembly, that Europeans hold 75 per cent and Indians and Anglo-Indians 25 per cent of the emergency commissions granted in India since the outbreak of the war. And the favouritism to Europeans has gone to the length of pressing into service even Australian officers. The position is far worse in the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force, though the exact figures have been studiously concealed from the public. General Molesworth was hard put to it to justify the poor share of Indians in the commissions. "The officer problem", he said, "is more difficult. It is not merely a question of putting young men into uniform and into training schools." This was quite a superfluous remark, if he took the public seriously. And then, as if he were addressing schoolboys, he held forth on the "ethics of command" and "capacity to lead". He was neither lucid nor edifying in his explanations. He merely rung changes on the word "lead" saying, "our system is based on the leading of men by leaders, leadership implies that men will follow their leader", and so on. But the suggestion was clear that an adequate number of Indians possessing the capacity to lead are not available for the Army.

Wanted Deeds

This is adding insult to injury. Through poverty, malnutrition and lack of education, for which Government themselves are in no small degree responsible, an average Indian may be much lower than the standard, physical and mental, necessary in a military officer. But to suggest that a sufficient number of Indians cannot be readily found among 375 millions of Indians to Indianise the Defence Departments substantially or completely is an inexcusable terminological inexactitude. It is not because the Indians do not possess the capacity that they are denied their proper place in the Defence. It is rather because they have a measure and kind of capacity which vested interests are loth to admit. It was distrust of Indians before. It is distrust even now. It is distrust, too, which has prevented the Defence portfolio being given to an Indian all these years. It would be a calumny to say that a capable Indian could not be found for the post; yet until and unless this Department is brought under a responsible Indian Minister it will not be adequately Indianised. Reviewing "India and Democracy" by Sir George Schuster and Guy Wint, Mr. H. G. Rawlinson writes in the "Spectator": "Sir George Schuster has said that it is ridiculous to claim that there are no Indians capable of being Finance Members, and there is every reason to think that India could produce a Defence Minister as good as the average British Secretary of State for War. The transfer of the Finance and Defence Departments would have a striking effect on national opinion, and would go far towards restoring public confidence. We have been faced before this by problems which at the time seemed just as insuperable in Canada and South Africa: surely English statesmanship is not so bankrupt that it is unable to find an equally satisfactory solution for India?" British sincerity and statesmanship will be judged by Government's actions, in these testing and decisive times.

Meaning Of Libyan Offensive

By WICKHAM STEED in a B. B. C. Talk

The Libyan offensive happens to coincide with the announcement of changes in the British Imperial General Staff and in the command of the Home Forces in Great Britain. I have made some enquiry about these changes and think they are all to the good.

The management of a war puts a heavy strain on even the ablest and strongest soldiers, and it is not a bad thing sometimes to relieve them of this strain and to let other able men bear it.

So I can well understand that General Sir John Dill, who is succeeded as Chief of the Imperial General Staff by Sir Alan Brooke, should have said that though he is leaving his work as a soldier with the deepest regret, he leaves it without bitterness.

This is the right spirit and if, as I hope, and as I believe there is good reason to hope, our Libyan offensive should go well, nobody who knows anything will forget the great part which Sir John Dill played in organising it, and we may be sure, humanly speaking, that there will be this time no miscalculation such as General Wavell has bravely confessed that he made when he underestimated the power of the Germans and the Italians to carry through their counter-offensive against him in Libya.

Mussolini and Hitler will certainly be awaiting news from Libya with some uneasiness and I should not be surprised if their uneasiness was shared by the men of Vichy. The Germans have been putting heavy pressure on Marshal Petain and his colleagues to make them over-ride the unwillingness of General Weygand, the Delegate General of Vichy in North Africa, to let the Germans have their own way in Tunis, Algiers and Morocco.

Now General Weygand has been got rid of by abolishing the post he held and Vichy is said to have done this in obedience to and order from Hitler. Consequently the United States has stopped food supplies for North Africa and Occupied France, and is considering whether it ought not to break off relations with Vichy altogether.

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The behaviour of the men of Vichy is a riddle hard to read. Once more a clue to the right answer may be supplied by a pamphlet on the new order in France which Marshal Petain has written. In it he lays down 16 principles which are so near the principles of Nazism and Fascism as to show a real belief in his mind that a sort of Nazism would be the best thing for France.

But even if we give him credit for misguided sincerity, we are bound to remember that there is another clue to the behaviour of Admiral Darlan and his other colleagues. Like the various Quislings in the countries under Nazi occupation, these men know they have halters round their necks and that their very lives depend upon a German victory, and they understand even better than we understand how precarious Hitler's hold upon the oppressed countries would become at the first clear sign of an impending German defeat.

So they are watching the Libyan offensive with trepidation and they are looking across the world to Washington and Tokyo in the hope that strikes in the United States may paralyse the American war effort and that Japan may fight for the Axis in the Pacific.

All my information goes to show that President Roosevelt and his advisers are very unlikely to appease Japan by yielding to any kind of threat. On the contrary I feel pretty sure of the substantial truth of the reports that the United States has told Japan that she must begin by clearing out of Indo-China, and perhaps out of China too, if she wishes to come to terms with the United States

Nor do I think—though on this point I speak with the ignorance of a foreigner—that industrial disputes will paralyse the American war effort. On a long view, believe that the revision of the Neutrality Act will prove to be far more important than the industrial troubles which cast a shadow on the vote of the Washington House of Representatives.

In substance, if not in precise legal form, the amendment of the Neutrality Act puts the United States once more in a position to check up records. As long as it was unamended the Neutrality Act was a standing encouragement to Italy, Germany and Japan to commit aggression in the belief that the United States would not interfere with them. Now that encouragement has been removed.

If one might judge by the impression which the British offensive in Libya has made in the United States, the proof it affords that Britain is really doing something has gladdened American hearts as much as it has disturbed feeling at Tokyo, in Rome and in Berlin.

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The offensive is besides a sign that the war effort of the United States is beginning to tell. For a goodly number of the tanks, aircraft and armoured vehicles engaged in the Libyan offensive were manufactured by American hands and transported by American ships

While the ding-dong fighting from the Arctic to the Crimea goes on without pause or respite, it is useless to forecast the immediate outcome of so gigantic a struggle, but there are two things about it that seem to me worthy of attention. One of them is a puzzle, the other is a certainty.

The puzzle is why the Germans should have been allowing their soldiers on the Russian front to broadcast accounts of the terrible conditions under which they are fighting and why photographs of the mud and the devastation should be distributed by German propaganda in neutral countries like Turkey.

The only explanation I can think of is that these broadcasts and photographs are intended to forestall the unfavourable impression that might spread if the Germans were obliged to cease their offensive or even to seek winter quarters farther back. But they may also be meant to account for the concentration of German military effort in the south, towards the Caucasus.

Whatever the right answer to the puzzle may be, it is probably mixed up in some way with what I have called the certainty. This certainty is that somehow, somewhere, Hitler must go on. He simply can't run the risk of letting it be supposed that his armies have been brought to a standstill, and that the prize he is most eager to gain and most sorely needs—Russian oil, is beyond his grasp.

He must have something to show the German people, and his willing or unwilling helpers outside Germany, that his progress towards victory if slow is sure, and it is in its bearing upon this supreme need, the certainty that Hitler cannot afford to halt, that the British offensive in Libya begins to acquire its full significance.

If the possession of Libya as a base for the conquest of Egypt and the Suez Canal had not been regarded by the Germans as supremely important for their designs upon Africa and the Middle East, it is improbable that they would have sent General Rommel with large German forces across the Mediterranean to make good what the Italians had lost.

They hoped by this time to have had Egypt in their grasp and they made determined efforts to extract from their flank the bothersome thorn in flesh which the defenders of Tobruk thrust into it.

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Now if General Rommell is obliged to give ground or suffers serious defeat, belief in German invincibility will be shaken throughout the whole of North Africa, including Tunis and French North Africa, to say nothing of Italy, where not a few Italians would secretly chuckle over any mishap for their taskmasters and would begin to wonder when Italy too will be freed from the German yoke.

I do not say that this will happen. I do say that it may happen, and the chance of bringing it about is in itself sufficient justification for our Libyan offensive.

Frankly Speaking

Begging Mission?

Like a mendicant, Marshal Petain is going round to see the Nazi bosses. Accompanied by Admiral Darlan, he left for the occupied zone on Sunday night. First it was believed he would meet Hitler but, according to subsequent reports, he only saw Goering. The Fuehrer presumably no longer regards the old French Marshal as worthy of his personal attention. The purpose of this mission has not yet been disclosed officially but one can well surmise that it will have something to do with greater 'co-operation' with the Nazis' war effort, on the part of Vichy, in return for which Petain will try to secure some concessions for his countrymen—particularly those in the occupied zone. Earlier reports that French North African air and sea bases are to be handed over to the Axis Powers have been denied in Vichy but we cannot take such denials seriously. Meanwhile, it is not unlikely that the situation in French Indo-China 'vis-a-vis' Japan came up for discussion. The sudden Tokyo decision "temporarily to suspend" despatch of fresh Japanese troops to Indo-China is not without significance. Was it dictated from Berlin—to place Vichy under a new obligation?

Where Is The Mystery?

Presiding over the 22nd ordinary general meeting of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company on Monday, Mr. Walchand Hirachand said: "I cannot help stating that it is a mystery as to why when the Governments of such parts of the Empire as Canada and Australia have been pushing on with their programme of shipbuilding required both for the navy of supply and the navy of defence, the Government of India do not feel inclined to move with the same energy, promptitude and determination, for making their own essential contribution in this respect, by building or allowing ships to be built in this country." The contrast is obvious and there is no mystery about it. Canada and Australia are self-governing while India is still in subjection with a Secretary of State like Mr. Amery

Tata's New Venture

At Jamshedpur recently was opened the new plant for the manufacture of wheels, tyres and axles to meet the requirements of the Indian railways. Mr. Joe Ghandy, the General Manager of the Steel Company, referred to the early talks with Government on the subject and how it was realized that this should be given preference over other schemes. As the General Manager points out, this will be reckoned among the physical assets of this country and he hoped it would be the prelude to the large-scale manufacture of locomotives in India. We did not, however, get the same certain expression in Sir Guthrie Russell's speech. For instance, Sir Guthrie referred to the occasion as being also "symbolical of the co-operation between different parts of the peace-loving [illegible] this does not mean that the large-scale manufacture of locomotives in India will be indefinitely postponed in the name of "co-operation between different parts of the peace-loving world."

"Thailand To-day"

The Department of Publicity of the Thailand Government has issued a pamphlet, "Thailand To-day", which comes at an opportune moment when everyone wants to know all about that small but strategically very important country. The attractively got-up and profusely illustrated pamphlet contains about a dozen articles on different aspects of modern Thailand. It is a record of progressive achievement during the nine years of constitutional regime in the country after the fall of the autocratic monarchy in 1932. One gets a picture of a highly patriotic people, jealous of their independence, and determined to maintain it all costs. There is no specific description of Thai armed forces—perhaps purposely omitted—but from the photographs one gets the impression that Thailand has an efficient and mechanised, though small, army and also a not inconsiderable air force for a country of her size. This pamphlet provides an interesting backeround to the Far Eastern situation which is developing threateningly every moment and in which Thailand will occupy the centre of the stage.

Revise The Scheme

We published yesterday the two memoranda on rice control in Burma submitted to the Burma authorities by Indian business interests engaged in the export of rice from Burma. They will, we hope, bring home to the Burma Government the need for revising their scheme of control without prejudicing the interests of Indians engaged in the rice trade. These Indians have invested large sums in the business these many years and have through it added to the prosperity of Burma. Indiscriminate State control of the business now may amount to an act of expropriation. If the Government cannot revise the scheme on lines acceptable to the Indians, it will be best for them at least to maintain the 'status quo' till the war is over, when the Government of India and Burma will be better able to safeguard the interests of their peoples.

WOMAN

"O woman! in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please;
And variable as the shade
By the light quivering aspen made;
When vain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou"

SCOTT, *MARMION*

American Support For India's Claim For Independence

"Churchill Must Make Unconditional Declaration Assuring Definite Dominion Status After Conclusion Of War"

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 2.

"A frank and unconditional declaration by Mr. Churchill assuring India definite Dominion Status after the conclusion of the war will not only appease India but convince us in America that Britain is fighting for maintaining and spreading the ideal of democracy," said a member of the party of five United States Congressmen who are touring this country for a fortnight, interviewed by Press, on the eve of their departure.

The members were Mr. Joseph Clarke Baldwin, Col. Malvin Maas, Mr. William Hill, Commander W. Sterling Cole and Mr. Richard Gale. The party form a mixed group ranging from absolute Isolationists and hundred per cent backers of President Roosevelt.

Asked about the Atlantic Charter and its application to India, some of them firstly excused on the ground that they were not sufficiently informed on the subject but when pressed further Mr. Maas and Mr. Hill frankly supported India's claim for independence. Mr. Maas said

"Personally I regard that the Atlantic Charter is a mass of contradictions. It contains generous sentiments but what made me suspicious about it is the Charter's tone to maintain the existing order."

Mr. Maas is an important member of the Naval Affairs Committee of the United States Congress, and is against the United States being involved in the European war, but ready to fight against Japan any time.

Mr. Hill who resented the application of the term Isolationist said: "I am for America and I do not like myself described an Isolationist. I fully appreciate and sympathise with Indian aspirations. Generally, Congressmen in America are agreed that propaganda about India in the United States cuts no ice."

Mehtab For No Change In Congress Policy

CUTTACK, Dec. 2.

"I am now more than convinced that Mahatma Gandhi's method is most practical and it is the only way to get out of the muddle wherein India's starving millions have been dragged by their unwilling association with war. As I study Gandhism more and more I realise that by this method alone the Indian masses will be able to be free and enjoy plenty without exploitation", says Mr. Harekrishna Mehtab, ex-member of the Congress Working Committee, in the course of a statement. Mr. Mehtab arrived here last night after release from jail.

With regard to the formation of the Ministry in Orissa Mr. Mehtab says: "Interim ministries were formed when the Congress refused to form a ministry in 1937. Then again when the Congress M.L.A.'s were marched into prison 'en bloc', in their long absence to jail ministries could have been formed. The situation is exactly the same when again a ministry has been formed in Orissa by the then interim Prime Minister.—United Press.

Co-operation For Daily Wage-Earners

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—In Bombay, there are co-operative credit societies of different types, but a type of the co-operative credit society for daily wage-earners is urgently necessary. The individuals who receive their wages daily, take loans from the Marwaries, Pathans and other money-lenders on an exhorbitant rate of interest even in a majority of cases 75,100 or 125 per cent and under this growing pressure of the debts, they have not been able to save money from their earnings, or live well. These daily wage-earners in my opinion want the co-operative credit societies on the basis of daily repayment system. If systematic propaganda about this movement is made among the daily wage-earners class in the city, the purpose of co-operation can be definitely served. This type of credit society can also be utilised in small retail traders in the city. The authorities of the Co-operative Department in the city of Bombay and other interested local co-operators, are requested to throw their kind eyes upon these illiterate, poor and low-paid wage-earners and retail traders of limited means.—Yours, etc.,

V. B. NAIK.

Bombay.

Pentangular Cricket Tournament

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The country is indebted to the organisers of the Pentangular Cricket Tournament for fostering through this annual event a high grade of cricket and team spirit in India. What the tournament has tried to achieve has not by any means all of good influence only without creating a communal bias and even tension at times. Its influence has been marred occasionally by an undercurrent of feelings. It is no wonder, men like Mahatma Gandhi, Maharaja of Patiala and many others, while appreciating the good results of the tournament, have also great doubts about its communal reactions. In our country, as everyone will admit the greatest need now is unity in communal harmony and everything which is likely to lead to community implications and disharmony should naturally be given up—so in the best interest of our country and the game, we earnestly appeal to the Organisers to reconsider their decision to continue the Pentangular. I would suggest in order to foster the high grade of the game and keep up the team spirit, instead of the communal Pentangular a Presidency Tournament at which the different provinces could take part—all communities, English, Parsees, Hindu, Muslim of a province—joined together as one glorious team from each Presidency. The first tournament will naturally be in Bombay, and the following ones will be in Calcutta and Madras. This will even add more gest to the game and create a greater interest among all classes throughout India.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. ISAAC.

Allies On The Offensive

With the centre of world interest shifted to the Far East, the War in Russia is not receiving due attention. Actually, the situation on that front has been steadily improving for the Russians. Not only are the Nazis being stubbornly resisted but the Soviet army is also vigorously counter-attacking. The Nazis have had to retreat in several sectors and now that they are on the run they will not be allowed much breathing time by Marshal Timoshenko to get their second wind. Even the German communiques admit that the Russians are attacking with great force and speak of their superior numbers. In Rostov sector the German army has suffered heavy losses in men and material. Indeed, Rostov is regarded by competent military commentators as the biggest victory of the Allies since the beginning of the war. It marks not only the turn of the tide in the Russian campaign but, along with British successes in Libya, it means a definite indication that the initiative has been at last wrested from the enemy and that from now on the Allies are beginning to take the offensive.

Outrageous If True

Is the atmosphere of Fascism spreading eastward? An Associated Press message from Madras states: "As a sequel to the Madura Municipality declining to entertain war technicians for training in its workshops, the Government of Madras have, it is understood, issued directions to withhold payment of grants amounting to about Rs. 84,000 from Provincial funds to the Municipality for its schemes regarding electrification of certain major works and road improvement.." It all sounds incredible in its suggestion of vindictiveness. But if the facts are as stated, the Government owe an explanation. In its absence their conduct strikes one as an outrage on justice. Opinions [illegible] on the Municipality's decision in this matter. But to withhold a grant for any reason which has no connection whatsoever with its purpose is to emulate the very methods which Government condemn in others The grant is for a necessary civic service and is made from funds contributed by the people in the form of taxes. To withhold it is to reduce local self-government to a mockery. If it were a responsible Ministry that was guilty of such action it would be justly sacked in a few hours. The Madras Government are now constitutionally irresponsible. But they should not flout considerations of decency. Incidentally, their action is not calculated to stimulate war effort in the province or in the

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WITHOUT COMMENT

"India is wholly with us, India is wholly working with us, India has fully recruited to our cause and is capable of material and moral contribution to war, which will do immense harm to Japan, military and political. "India as she is to-day—resentful, divided, whole-hearted in the hatred of Nazism but half-hearted in the support of Britain—is an enigma to us and encouragement to our enemies. This tragic situation can be mended."

—"Daily Herald", London.

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At a conference of sympathisers of the India League in London, the recent speech of Mr. Amery came in for criticism as being in conflict with the principles of the Atlantic Charter.

Aren't our friends misjudging the principles of the Atlantic Charter?

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Example of War Economy: Our Anglo-Indian contemporary reviews a single volume and calls it "Some Recent Books."

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According to an official statement, hundred of Indians are getting King's Commissions.

And thousands of Indians are getting King's rations—in jails!

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According to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, "the greatest need of Indian democracy is leadership."

But haven't we already too much of leadership and too little of democracy?

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By the way, we heartily endorse Sir Chimanlal Setalvad's advice to students that "they must not accept readymade opinions of persons, however eminent."

Does Sir Chimanlal agree with us?

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"Muslim India expects every Muslim to do his duty", declared Nelson—no, we are sorry, we mean Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, General Secretary of the Muslim League.

And, like Nelson, he put the blind eye to the telescope and blacked-out the realities!

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Addressing the student community, in particular, the Nawabzada strongly urged them to study political problems minutely."

But suppose they started studying the Nawabzada—and his utterances—too minutely!

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"Pakistan", said the Nawabzada, "is worth living for and dying for."

"We want to defend our motherland hearts and homes", he observed, "and we are anxious that India should be free from any foreign aggression."

And yet he claimed that "the Muslim League position is definite and consistent!"

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Mrs. Amery recently broadcast a talk on the "Indian Comforts Fund."

To counter-balance her husband's more frequent talks which constitute a fund of Indian discomforts?

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We should like to know if there has ever been

(1) An administration report of a State that was not "a record of steady progress",

(2) A convocation address that did not inflict pious platitudes and gratuitous advice upon would-be unemployed graduates,

(3) A film—Indian or foreign—that was not "Best", "Greatest" or at least a masterpiece.

(4) A conference that was not "momentous", and

(5) A public meeting that was not "well-attended."

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Little Claude's mother had reluctantly allowed her precious child to attend public school. She gave the teacher a long list of instructions. "My Claude is so sensitive", she explained. "Don't ever punish him. Just slap the boy next to him. That will frighten Claude."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Of two evils pass up the first and turn the other down.

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No wise person ever goes to a confidence man in confidence.

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What man has done, woman thinks she is qualified to improve upon.

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Cupid behind the arrow is more dangerous than the man behind the gun.

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There isn't much satisfaction in arguing with a man who doesn't care.

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The Almighty never recognizes a preacher's worth by the salary he gets.

Libyan Campaign Looms Large In Berlin

Nazis Retake Sidi Rezegh And Bir-el-Hamed

LONDON, Dec. 2.

German military commentators now give first place of importance to the fighting in Libya and admit that an Axis defeat would affect the general war situation.

CAIRO: After violent fighting Gen. Rommel's fifteen and twenty-first Panzer Divisions have joined forces at Zaafran, 34 miles east of Tobruk, but the link of the main body of the imperial forces with Tobruk is unimpaired by this penetration.

Gen. Rommel's forces have retaken both Sidi Rezegh and Bir-el-Hamed on the edge of the two escarpments in this area, thus nipping off the tip of the sortie corridor from Tobruk.

A spokesman stated that the German link-up in no way destroys British confidence in the final result. It may only delay matters for a few days longer. The link-up is described as a local success.

A military spokesman announced that the link with Tobruk is unimpaired despite enemy penetration.

Text Of Communique

Following is the text of the British G.H.Q. Middle East Communique on Tuesday: "In this fluid battle which has ranged on the main front with local fluctuation over an area some 1,600 miles since November 20, the centre of gravity has altered almost daily as our or the enemy's main tank concentrations are massed for attack or counter-attack. Yesterday the enemy threw into battle all his available armour on a comparatively narrow front.

Very heavy fighting throughout to-day in the area Rezegh-Bar-el-Hamed Zaafran resulted in a junction between the German forces which had advanced from the south and south-west with those originally disposed about Zaafran.

In the frontier area the operations for the elimination of the centre of resistance are continuing.

R.A.F.'s SUPPORT.

Throughout the course of yesterday's battle our air forces again closely supported our ground troops by continuous attacks on enemy armoured fighting vehicles and mechanical transport about and west of the Rezegh area. Many direct hits were observed."

Operations To Restore Tobruk Corridor

LONDON: It is explained authoritatively that to-day's Cairo Communique means that the Tobruk corridor is temporarily broken and it is presumed that operations are taking place to restore it.

According to information now reaching authoritative quarters in London the British counter-attack, which was directed against the German penetration at Sidi Rezegh, was only temporarily successful. Very hard fighting is still continuing and the situation is very confused.

On the Libyan frontier British forces attacked a hamlet known as Libyan Sidi Omar and met determined resistance. Although some progress has been made the situation is not yet clear.

American Tanks In Western Desert

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.

"The exact number is a military secret but it is known that there are more than a thousand American-built tanks fighting against the Axis in the Western Desert", says the "New York Times" on Tuesday.—Reuter.

23,500 PRISONERS TAKEN AT GONDAR

NAIROBI, Dec. 2

All outlying garrisons at Gondar have surrendered. The total number of prisoners at Gondar is 11,500 Italians and 12,000 natives—Reuter.

Chile's Defence Plans

SANTIAGO: (Chile), Dec. 2.

The Defence Council met yesterday.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs afterwards declared, "we dealt with continental defence in view of the gravity of the International situation. Measures were adopted aimed at preserving Chile's territorial integrity in view of possible eventualities in accordance with the policy of the Chilean Government to assure military defence by its own means and to collaborate resolutely in defence of the continent."—Reuter.

THE D.C.M.

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL awarded to non-commissioned officers and men of the Army, for gallantry in action on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief is the counterpart of the Distinguished Service Order. The ribbon is crimson, blue, crimson. The D.C.M. carries with it a gratuity on discharge, or an increase of pension.

THE C.G.M.

THE CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY MEDAL is the Naval counterpart of the Army's Distinguished Conduct Medal, and like it, is of silver. It is awarded to Petty Officers and men of the Royal Navy, and to non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Marines, for acts of conspicuous gallantry in action with the enemy. The ribbon, originally blue, white, blue in equal stripes, was altered in 1921.

THE D.F.M.

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL is awarded to non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Air Force for acts of valour, courage or devotion to duty performed whilst flying in active operations against the enemy. The medal is silver, oval in shape. The medal is attached to the clasp and ribbon (diagonal violet and white stripes) by outspread wings.

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NEW GOVT. IN LEBANON

Implication Of Freedom In Formation Of Ministry

BEIRUT, Dec. 2.

A new Lebanese Government by Ahmad Daouk has been formed.

The Cabinet consists of ten Ministers, representing all communities and districts in Lebanon. For the first time, as a result of the proclamation of Lebanese Independence, the Cabinet contains the portfolio for foreign affairs. Hamid Frangien is the new Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

U. S. RLY. STRIKE MOVE ENDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.

A settlement of the threatened railway strike is announced.

Mr. Morse, Chairman of the President's Fact Finding Board announcing the settlement said that the proposals thereof were immediately accepted by all representatives of unions, and there would be no strike.

Mr. Morse refused to disclose the terms of the settlement.

The Board had met representatives of railway labour and management in an almost continuous session for two days and nights—Reuter.

ACROSS ATLANTIC IN 8 HOURS, 23 MINUTES

LONDON, December 1.

The fastest west to east crossing of the Atlantic by ferry command aircraft was made by an American built liberator which arrived in Britain today. From the take off to the touch down, the flight took eight hours 23 minutes.

The aircraft was piloted by Captain O. P. Jones, formerly well-known to Imperial airways and the British overseas airways passengers. The previous fastest west-east crossing was shared by liberator and boeing fortress both of which made the trip in eight hours and 45 minutes.—Reuter.

FINLAND LEGALISES HER ACQUIREMENTS

LONDON Dec. 2.

The Finnish Diet which met in session yesterday has incorporated territories which Finland had recaptured from Russia. The lease of Hango for thirty years to Russia was declared invalid.—Reuter.

Casero Becomes Chief Of Italian Cabinet

ROME, December 1.

Colonel Giuseppe Casero has been appointed Chief of the Cabinet at the Air Ministry in the place of General Urbani who is to command the Italian air force in the battle zone, states the Official Italian News Agency.—Reuter.

British Cruiser 'Phoebe' In New York

WASHINGTON, December 1.

The British cruiser 'Phoebe' is at New York and the corvette 'Clarkia' at Mobile (Alabama) according to the United States' Navy Department.—Reuter.

Kalinin Receives Polish Premier

KUJBYSHEV, Dec. 2.

The Polish Premier M. Sikorski was received here by M. Kalinin, President of the U.S.S.R. and M. Vitchinsky, Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs on Monday, states the Official Soviet News Agency.—Reuter.

Litvinov Leaves Manila

MANILA, Dec. 2.

M. Litvinov has left in the clipper for the United States.—Reuter.

DEVELOPMENTS IN FAR EAST

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tions for the election of "Miss Thailand" at the annual constitution fair in the second week of December.—Reuter.

"No Prospect Of Thai Invasion"

BANGKOK, Dec. 2.

The Thai Radio announced last night, Monday, "proper authorities" inspected every part of the Thai frontier and found that there is no concentration of Japanese or British troops and "no prospect of an invasion by anybody."

The announcer added, "The public should believe this and realise that others do not know more of our business than ourselves."—Reuter.

Japanese Cabinet Meets

TOKYO, Dec. 2.

The United States-Japanese talks were amongst the subjects discussed at a 50 minutes Cabinet meeting this morning. The Prime Minister General Tojo and all Ministers were present.—Reuter.

Parleys Between Empire Governments

SYDNEY, Dec. 2.

There have been incessant communications since Friday morning between the various Empire Governments having a direct stake in the Pacific. No attempt is made in Australian official circles to disguise the gravity of the Far Eastern situation. Meantime, the press adopts a realistic attitude towards Japan summed up in the comment, "thus far and no farther."

The Telegraph writes, "If Japan's answer to Mr. Hull is not satisfactory, the Pacific nations now loosely grouped in alliance against aggression should declare themselves at once.

Japan should be told that any new act of aggression, whether against the Burma Road, Thailand, Malaya or the Netherlands East Indies, will be followed at once by a declaration of war by the A B C D Powers."

The Newspaper "Herald" says that Japan's sabre rattlings are the worst criterion of Tokyo's professed desire for peace and can only serve to intensify and stiffen the common front which now unites the free peoples of the Pacific in their resistance to further Japanese aggression.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AGAINST JAPAN TELLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.

Blockade has cut off 75 per cent of Japan's normal imports, says the National Industrial Conference Board in an analysis of the effects on Japan of the economic blockade by the United States, the British Empire and the Dutch East Indies.

The analysis showed that the cutting off of Japanese imports to the United States had been detrimental to American economy because it severed an important market and source of supply but it had not seriously damaged the United States Defence effort. Inflation was evident in Japan while scanty imports resulted in the salvaging of every available piece of scrap material, including iron fences, sunken ships, wire nameplates, manhole covers and kitchen utensils.

The analysis ended by saying that even in Japan's all-important cotton textile industry the number of important factories has been reduced by almost 50 per cent.—Reuter.

Soviet Advance From Rostov

Heavy German Casualties In Drive On Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 2.

A military spokesman in Berlin has admitted that the Germans were driven out of Rostov by "superior forces" but added that the Russian success was not important.

At one point on the Moscow front, the Germans are within 36 miles of the capital. Vigorous counter-attacks have been launched.

Near Tula, 110 miles south of Moscow, the Russians have captured an important railway linking the capital with the Caucasus.

Bitter fighting has been taking place round Stalinogorsk and a German division was routed.

Many German positions round Moscow have been recaptured. In this latest assault on the capital Germans had suffered over half a million casualties.—Reuter.

BERLIN CLAIMS ADVANCE AGAINST MOSCOW

BERLIN, Dec. 2.

A German 'communique' dealing with the Eastern Front declares that in the Rostov area, the enemy continued to attack, regardless of losses in men and material. The 'communique' claims further advance by infantry and tanks against Moscow. An enemy attempt to cross the Neva was frustrated. Dealing with North Africa the German 'communique' stated that fighting continues south-east of Tobruk.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE, December 1.

The Maharaja of Tehrigarwhal arrived in Singapore today to inspect the Indian troops.—Reuter.

FRESH SOVIET SUCCESS

Gen. Kleist's Army Getting Into "Deadly Pocket"

MOSCOW, Dec. 2.

General Kleist's army which consisted of powerful formations of tanks, hundreds of heavy guns and thousands of Lorries and cars is getting into "a deadly pocket" reports the "Pravda's" correspondent at the front.

In many areas of the Southern Front, he states, the initiative has passed to the Soviet command. General Kleist's army is being pursued from Rostov and from the north and has now also been outflanked from the west.

"A well prepared Soviet counter-offensive began on November 17 and in many places, the Germans were caught by surprise. The first populated points were taken practically without fighting."

Another Soviet success is reported by the official Soviet News Agency. Soviet forces have recaptured their former defence line after three days' fighting near Lake "S" on one sector of the North-Western battle-front.

According to verified data, about 2,500 German officers and men were killed between 26th November and 29th. Soviet troops destroyed 37 heavy machine-guns and sub-machine-guns and several anti-tank guns and blew up 27 earth works two forts, three munition dumps and silenced a dozen artillery emplacements and trench mortars.—Reuter.

Britain Plans To Meet Man-Power Crisis

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tion. The year 1941 has seen the major problem of creating war production capacity and manufacturing equipment largely solved or on the highroad to a solution. The crisis of equipment is largely over and an ever-broadening flow is assured.

MAN-POWER CRISIS.

A crisis of man-power and woman-power is at hand and will dominate the year 1942. The reasons for this crisis are that great supply plants have lately been constructed. They are finished. They must be staffed and fully staffed. They must maintain a powerful mobile army which we have created with so much pain, both for home defence and foreign expedition.

We must maintain our armies in the East and be prepared for the continuance and the expansion of heavy fighting there.

We must provide for the expansion of the Air Force in 1942 and a far greater extension in 1943.

We must face a continuous growth of the navy to man a great number of warships of all kinds coming steadily into service. We must provide modern equipment for the large armies which are being raised and trained in India.

WHAT AID TO RUSSIA MEANS.

"Apart from our own needs, we must keep our engagements to send a substantial supply of tanks, air planes and other war weapons or war commodities to Russia in order to help make good the loss of munition making capacity Russia has sustained by the German invasion. We have had also to forgo very important supplies, which we had expected from the United States but which have now with our consent been diverted to Russia. We have also to recognise that the United States production is only now getting fully under way.

TIME-TABLE OF MUNITIONS.

The House will remember how I have several times described in the last five to six years the time table of munition production: first year, nothing at all; second year very little; third year 'a lot'; fourth year all you want.

We are at the beginning of the third year. The United States is getting through the second year. Germany started the war already well on into the fourth year but all this disparity of proportions will rectify itself in the mere passage of time. We have hitherto been at a disadvantage having to fight so well armed an enemy with ill-armed or half armed troops—that phase is over. In future our men will fight on equal terms on technical equipment and a little later on, they will fight on superior terms.

NEARER TO FRONT

Mr. Churchill continued: "It is a general moving up nearer to the front and will affect large blocks of people. The population of Great Britain to-day is about 46 3/4 millions. Of these 33 1/4 million—sixteen million men and 17 1/4 million women—are between 14 and 65 years of age.

THEN AND NOW

Making allowance for an increase of population engaged on ministering to the needs of more actively engaged populations, Britain had already reached at the 27th month of this war, the same employment of women in industry, services and forces as in the 48th month of the last war.

Munitions industries in Britain have increased in the first few years of this war more rapidly than in the four years of the last. We have a million more men in munition industries at this moment than at the end of the last war.

Mr. Churchill said that for men there would be under the Government's proposals three important changes. The first, the Prime Minister explained, was to change reservation from military service from the system of occupational blocks to the system of individual deferment. The sole test now would be importance to the war effort of the work on which each man was engaged.

NEW QUOTAS

Discussing how the transition was to be accomplished Mr. Churchill said: "We propose to raise the age of reservation by one year steps at monthly intervals, commencing on January 1, 1942. That is to say, that every month the reservation age will rise by one year, thus bringing a new quota into the area of those more searching individual and detailed examinations. In this process, individual deferment will be granted only to men engaged on work of national importance.

Answering a point raised by the Labour member, Mr. Bellenger, the Prime Minister announced the raising of age for compulsory military service from 41 to 50. Men called up over the age of 41 would not be posted to more active duties in the forces. They would be used for static and sedentary duties to liberate younger men.

The Prime Minister continued: "In other cases men between 41 and 51 will be directed into non-military tasks more closely concerned with the war effort than those they are already discharging. In raising the age of legal obligation from 41 to 51 we are bringing under revision nearly 2 3/4 millions more men, the vast majority of whom are already in useful employment but the operations of whom will now, where necessary, be directed forward into more direct forms of war effort."

Coming to the third change for men the Prime Minister then announced that it was proposed to lower the age of military service to 18 1/2 years, thus bringing in, an additional 78,000 recruits to the armed forces in the year 1942. The first half of the 1923 class would be registered on Saturday, December 13, and their calling up would commence in January, 1942. The second half of this class would be registered early in the new year. Assurances had been given to Parliament that no one brought into the army would be sent abroad younger than 20, but this in practice has not been applied either to the army or the Air Force or to the many volunteers who had joined the army. It was not thought that any large use of this practice would be increased in the near future, but added Mr. Churchill, "nonetheless we ask the House to release us from this restrictive pledge."

YOUTHS NOT FOR OVERSEAS

The Labour Member, Mr. Shinwell, interrupted: "Are we to understand that youths of 19 will not be dispatched overseas?

Mr. Churchill: "Yes, if the House releases the Government from this undertaking. The matter is entirely in the hands of the House."

HOME GUARD WANTS MORE ARMS

Turning to the Home Guard, the Prime Minister said: "It is our great prop and standby against invasion, particularly against that form of invasion by airborne troops carried in gliders or aircraft. We have nearly 1,700,000 men, the bulk of them well-armed, spread about the whole country. Most of them are well-armed, but, although we have a good many millions of rifles in the country, WE HAVE NOT GOT RIFLES FOR ALL. Although we have several millions more men who will fight to death for their country, we have not been able to manufacture the necessary number of rifles. Therefore, we supplement them with machine-guns, tommy-guns, grenades, and other things. We should not hesitate to place in the citizens hands a pike or a mace — pending further developments (laughter). After all a man thus armed may easily acquire a rifle for himself. At any rate, that is what they are doing in Russia in defending their country (cheers), although they have vast supplies of rifles and we shall certainly do so if we are assailed in our island.

BOYS AND GIRLS

Liability for service in the Home Guard would be defined by a special regulation.

Mr. Churchill went on: "There is another change which applies to both boys and girls. It is proposed to register boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 18.

WOMEN-POWER

Coming to women-power, Mr. Churchill continued: "Women are already playing a part in this war. But we have not the power at present according to our reading of the law to require women to serve in uniformed Auxiliary Forces of the Crown or Civil Defence. We propose to ask Parliament to confer that power upon us.

The new power will be applied in the first instance, probably for some time to come only to unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30. The number in this class is 1,620,000. Of course, the vast majority of them are already usefully employed and it is only perhaps a quarter or one-third who will be affected and will be required to exchange their present employment for one more effective in war effort.

EYE TO GO FOR GUNS

But, went on Mr. Churchill, they could not afford to keep so many score of thousands of trained soldiers standing about at static defences. It happened that all these new appliances which so vastly increased the power of anti-aircraft artillery could be handled by trained women just as well as by men. More than 1,70,000 women were needed for A.T.S. and of these over 1,00,000 were required for Air Defence Forces. Mixed batteries already formed had been a very great success. There were more women than men in these establishments.

The Prime Minister added: "I want to make it clear that women may be compelled to join the A.T.S. but only volunteers from within the A.T.S. will be allowed to serve with the guns. I have no doubt that we shall get the response which is required."

As he had stated earlier, he did not propose to extend compulsion to join the services or forces to any married women at present fit. Nevertheless, it was in that great field of married women or women doing necessary household work comprising about 11,000,000 persons that they saw their largest reserves for industry and Home Defence in future.

Mr. Churchill concluded: "I desire to fit the knapsack with its extra load upon the national shoulders in the least galling and most effective manner. The aid of the House is required in this process but that the load must be picked up and carried on henceforward to the end embodies, we are sure, the resolve of the British people (cheers).—Reuter.

NAZI PLANE ATTACKS IRISH MAIL BOAT

LONDON, Dec. 2.

An Admiralty announcement says that according to a Dublin report the Holyhead Dublin mail boat "Cambria" was reported on Monday night to have been unsuccessfully attacked by a Nazi torpedo plane shortly before she reached Dun Laoghaire.

She replied with gun and machine-gun fire and the plane was last seen losing its height rapidly.

No casualties are reported.—Reuter.

Danes & Anti-Comintern Pact

Denmark's Envoy In Britain Protest Against Joining

LONDON, Dec. 2.

Danish adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact "is apt highly to harm Denmark's good name in Great Britain and to endanger the time honoured relations between Denmark and the British Empire," said Count Reventlow, the Danish Minister in London.

Count Reventlow has expressed this opinion to the Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and has stated that he is unable to take orders from the Ministry and must consider himself free to act "as incumbent upon me in accordance with my appointment."

The Danish Legation in London states that Count Reventlow's decision was taken with full concurrence of all officials of the Danish Legation and the Consulate-General.—Reuter.

Light On Petain-Goering Talks

LONDON, Dec. 2.

According to a Stockholm despatch, the basis of the Petain-Goering talks was the replacing of the armistice by a kind of preliminary peace, which would not settle the territorial question, but would give France certain sovereignty and decide the fate of prisoners of war.—Reuter.

PETAIN-GOERING TALKS

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dor in Paris, will give you further details of the specific features of this day".

Later the Vichy news agency the decisions which may have been taken, but pointed out that "De Brinon, the Vichy Ambassa- to-night issued an account of the statement by De Brinon, who was present with Marshal Petain during meeting. De Brinon said, "The meeting was not a negotiation but a very frank general conversation between the two men who respect each other as soldiers. It is nevertheless certain that something very important may come out of it".

Goering told De Brinon "I hope things useful for our two countries will be the result of this meeting."

The Petain-Goering meeting was held in a railway coach and lasted over three hours.—Reuter.

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

Example of the "voluntary" effort and how it is enforced. An A. P. message from Madras says:—

"As a sequel to the Madura Municipality declining to entertain war technicians for training in its workshops, the Government of Madras have, it is understood, issued directions to withhold payment of grants amounting to about Rs. 84,000 from Provincial funds to the Municipality for its schemes regarding electrification of certain major works and road improvement."

I call it kinda nasty!

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Says my friend Humayun Kabir: "Only lunatics can agree". After which I suppose we ought to be glad that the Muslim League and the Congress do not.

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To be held on Friday, Dec. 12 is a supper dance at the Hill Grange School, Pedder Road. This supper dance interests me for more than one reason. In the first place it is the individual effort of a lady who runs this school and, secondly, because its proceeds are to go half towards the relief of families of the INDIAN Fighting Forces and half to the War Fund. There is the usual paraphernalia of support of Ladies War Committee and patronage, but I suppose one must overlook these trivialities in view of the fact that it is Miss Kelly's first effort. If you will take my advice, my dear lady, and if you really want to raise money for any cause, remember that the public of this city shies at these War Committees and at patronage. The word "patronage" is always an unfortunate word. However, the fact remains that to give to Indian wounded and families of Indian Fighting Forces is becoming the fashion these days and I welcome the idea most heartily. It makes up for all the mistakes of a first production. Ken Mac (who as you know is a great favourite with Radio authorities?) will play music. There will be supper, of course and a Bar. The dancing is, I understand, in open air and the somewhat elegant and exclusive grounds of the school are to be thrown open to the public for this occasion. The date is December 12. So remember it.

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Your attention is particularly drawn to the special article on the Editorial page, which reproduces Wickham Stead's B.B.C. Talk on "The Meaning of the Libyan Offensive" Read carefully his reference to the retirement of Sir John Dill from the Imperial General Staff.

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Plea For Release Of Allama

(From Our Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD, (Rn.) Dec. 2.

A resolution was passed by the Working Committee of the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen Hyderabad under presidency of Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung requesting the Nizam's Government to intervene in the matter of imprisonment of Allama Mashriqi.

Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung had recently applied to the Madras Government to allow him to interview Allama, in Villore Jail.

Wardha Students Observe "Hartal"

WARDHA, Dec. 2.

Students of local school and college observed 'hartal' to-day as a protest against the alleged Lathi charge on students at Nagpur on the Convocation day last Saturday.—A. P.

Govt. Formed By Progressive Coalition Will Restore Peace

SARAT BOSE WARNS AUTHORITIES AGAINST PITCHFORKING ANY OTHER PARTY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 1.

Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Leader of the Opposition in the Bengal Legislative Assembly has issued the following statement on the Ministerial crisis:—

The crisis has come. The Bengal Ministers have resigned.

It is now up to the Governor to use the language of the instrument of instructions to him to select his Ministers in the following manner that is to say, "in consultation with the person, who, in his judgment is likely to command a stable majority in the legislature, to appoint those persons including so far as practicable, members of important minority communities, who will best be in a position collectively to command the confidence of the legislature."

The events of the last few days have, I hope, proved to demonstration who the person is, who commands a stable majority in the Legislature.

An analysis of the strength of the different parties in the Assembly leaves no manner of doubt that the newly formed Progressive Coalition Party commands an absolute majority in the Assembly.

Strength Of Parties

The majority it commands cannot possibly be below 150 members. That party is sure to receive the wholehearted support and adherence of the following parties in the Assembly:

Both the Congress Parties; the Krishak Proja Party; The Independent Scheduled Caste Party; the Nationalist Party with the possible exception of one of its members who does not happen to be a member of the Assembly; the labour group except perhaps one member, the members representing the landholders constituencies; the members representing the Indian Christian and Anglo-Indian Constituencies; the members representing the women's constituencies except one; the Scheduled Caste members other than the members of the Independent Scheduled Caste Party with the possible exception of four or five members at the most, and a large section of the present Coalition Party which some time ago formed itself into the Progressive Assembly Party under the leadership of Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq not less than 47 in number.

What I have said above is in my opinion a conservative estimate of the support that the Progressive Coalition Party will command in the Assembly.

Muslim League Split

The Dacca-cum-Suhrawardy Group cannot claim any support from the parties and groups mentioned above. Its main support is derived from the Muslim League Party itself; but unfortunately for the Dacca-cum-Suhrawardy Group the Muslim League Party is sharply divided within itself, and the present position is that half of its members if not more are already in favour of Mr. Huq and more are expected to rally round him within the next two or three days.

It is being sedulously spread in certain quarters that when the Ministry was fomed in 1937 it was formed on the strength of a single party. That statement is entirely untrue.

The Ministry was formed on the basis of a coalition of different parties and the combined strength of those parties was somewhere near 112.

It is also being sedulously spread that the Dacca-cum-Suhrawardy Group is now the largest single party in the Assembly. That statement is equally untrue. They are claiming support from a coalition of parties and even the combined strength of their coalition is nowhere near 82—' mentioned two days ago by an evening paper.

Warning Against Prorogation

They will be extremely lucky if they are anywhere near the figure 65, all told. The old Coalition Party consisting of about 112 members no longer exists.

It has been reported to me during the last few days that attempts have been and are still being made by persons interested in the Dacca-cum-Suhrawardy Group to induce the Governor to prorogue the Assembly either before or immediately after the formation of the new Cabinet.

It is obvious that such attempts can only be made by persons who do not command a majority in the Legislature and who are, therefore, anxious to have the chance of gathering strength when the legislature is not in session.

Prorogation of the Assembly at this stage would amount, in my opinion to a flagrant violation of the spirit of the constitution and of the instrument of instructions to the Governor.

It would also be contrary to the assurance that I and other party leaders have received in September, in case a situation like the present one arose.

Cabinet Must Be Formed

It would give rise to intense dissatisfaction and widespread agitation in the province I have no personal knowledge if such attempts have in fact been made.

But having regard to the persistent reports I have been receiving during the last few days I consider it my duty as Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly to sound a note of warning against the adoption of a course which would not only be against the spirit of the constitution and the instrument of instructions, but would create series of discontent throughout the length and breadth of the province.

Having regard to the situation in this province and also to the serious international situation it is, in my opinion, imperative that a cabinet should be formed which would be representative of the different parties and interests in the Legislature, which have combined under the name of the Progressive Coalition Party, and which would collectively command its confidence and that of the public at large.

Formation of such a cabinet would restore the communal peace and harmony which we all desire. Formation of an unrepresentative cabinet drawn from the Dacca-cum-Suhrawardy Group is bound to make the position much worse than it is today."—A. P.

Jogender Singh Released

LUCKNOW, Dec. 2.

Sardar Jogender Singh, Chief Whip of the Congress party in the Central Legislature, was released this morning from the Lucknow Central Jail. He is leaving for Delhi to-night.—A. P.

Labour Leader Arrested

LUCKNOW, Dec. 2.

Mr. Rajaram Shastri, M.L.A., labour leader, was arrested at noon under the Defence of India Rules for disobeying the District Magistrate's order asking him to leave Cawnpore.—United Press.

Detention To Forestall Release!

BENARES, Dec. 2.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Basu, a labour worker of Cawnpore who was to have been released yesterday on the expiry of his term of imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules, was served with a notice for detention under the Defence of India rules and sent to Agra Jail from the Benares Jail.—A. P.

R. S. Pandit Leaves For Allahabad

DEHRA DUN, Dec 1.

Mr. R. S. Pandit left for Allanabad to-night by the Howrah express. He was seen off at the railway station by the local Congress workers.

Earlier in the afternoon Mr. Pandit addressed a meeting of Congressmen of the district.—A P

Satyagrahi Jailed For Fourth Time

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 2.

Mr. Ramrao Wasu, a non-Brahman leader who was arrested for offering Satyagraha for the fourth time, was sentenced to-day to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

Governor Not Yet Decided

Leaguers' "Fatwa" To Muslim M.L.A.s On Party Affiliation

CALCUTTA, Dec. 2.

There has not been any fresh development in the Ministerial crisis since yesterday, and it is learnt that H. E. the Governor has not yet decided whether or not to accept the resignations of the members of the Council of Ministers.

NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS GALORE

Last-minute attempts are being made, according to well-informed political circles, to devise means for settlement of the difference which led to the resignation of the Ministers. While on the other hand it is learnt that notices of another 29 no-confidence motions against six of the Ministers, who have already tendered their resignations, were given to-day by members of the newly formed Progressive Assembly Party.

Leaguers' 'Fatwa' To Muslim M.L.A.s

A resolution calling upon Muslim League M.L.A's to dissociate themselves from the newly formed Progressive Party and the Progressive Coalition Party by December 4, was adopted by the Working Committee of the Provincial Muslim League at a meeting this afternoon Maulana Akram Khan presiding.

The meeting was convened on a requisition submitted by Mr. M. A. H. Ispahani, M.L.A and those present included Sir Nazimuddin, Home Minister, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Finance Minister, Mr. Tamizuddin Khan, Minister for Agriculture and Industry, Mr. K. Shahabuddin, Chief Government Whip, Mr. A. R. Siddiqi and Mr. Ispahani.

The resolution pointed out that the formation of the Progressive Party and the Progressive Coalition Party has "undermined Muslim solidarity and strikes at the very root of the creed and ideals of the Muslim League and threatens to make supreme the influence of the Congress, the Forward Bloc and the Hindu Mahasabha in the administration of Bengal."

The Committee directed all Muslim League members of the Legislature to form themselves into 'Bengal Legislature Muslim League Party."

The Committee viewed "with alarm the attempts that have been made to disintegrate the Muslim community and destroy Muslim influence in the administration of Bengal," and called upon all League organisations in the Province to hold meetings and give directions to their representatives in the legislature to join and support the Bengal Legislature Moslem League Party.—A. P.

HUQ SEES GOVERNOR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 2.

The Premier, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, and the Ministers, Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin, Nawab Musharaf Hussain and Nawab Habibullah of Dacca, saw H. E. the Governor this afternoon and discussed the present ministerial crisis.—United Press.

Giri Arrives In Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 2.

Mr V. V. Giri former Congress Minister, who was released from the Trichinopoly Central Jail yesterday on the expiry of his term of imprisonment in connection with Satyagraha, arrived in Madras to-day. He was received at the station by a large number of Congressmen.

Mr. Giri will stay in Madras for a fortnight after which he will proceed to Nagpur 'en route' to Calcutta where he will attend the Trade Union Congress at the end of this month.—A. P.

Master Mota Singh's Health

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

A Press Note says:—Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Press alleging that Master Mota Singh, a Security prisoner in Deoli, is seriously ill.

Master Mota Singh took part in the recent hunger-strike but was at no time seriously ill. He is now rapidly recovering from the effects of his fast and will shortly be discharged from hospital.—A. P.

The Orissa Government have decided that the Province's time should be advanced by one hour with effect from December 7, for A.R.P. purposes.

Nagindas Released

Sardar & Mahadeo Desai Arrive In Bombay

BOMBAY Tuesday.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mr. Mahadev Desai arrived in Bombay from Wardha, to-day.

According to private telephonic advices received in Bombay, Mr. Nagindas T. Master has been released from Nasik Jail, to-day.

His release was expected yesterday—the last date before his seat in the Municipal Corporation could be declared vacant due to continued absence.

It appears that arrangements were made yesterday, so that he could dash to Bombay in a car and attend the meeting of the Municipal Corporation and retain his seat.

He was not released and his seat will be declared vacant, along with that of Mr. Bhavanji Arjun Khimji and both the seats will be duly filled after holding a by-election in each case.

City Reception To Nagindas

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Immediately after release Mr. Nagindas Master arrived at the Congress House this evening where he was given reception on behalf of the BPCC, Ward Committee and the Congress Municipal Party. Twelve Corporators were present.

Messrs. Motichand Kapadia Dhirubhai Desai and S K Patil and ward officials garlanded Mr. Nagindas on behalf of their respective wards

Local Satyagrahis Arrested

Two local Satyagrahis who intimated to the Commissioner of Police of their intention to offer Satyagraha, to-day, were arrested in the early hours of the morning, before they could carry out their intention.

Mr. C. V. Varad who attempted to offer Satyagraha for the second time was taken to Thana jail, while Miss Sharada Kevalram Joshi was removed to Yeravda jail.

PUNJAB CONGRESS MOVE TO RESUME PARLEY-ACTIVITIES

Rajen Babu Summons Leaders To Discuss Issue

LAHORE, Dec. 1.

An emergent meeting of the Congress members of the Punjab Assembly was held this evening to consider a telegram received from Dr. Rajendra Prasad yesterday, asking Mian Iftikharuddin, President of the P. P. C. C. and Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, former leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Assembly, to reach Wardha with representatives of the party to discuss the question of the resumption of parliamentary activities in the Punjab.

The meeting decided to send Seth Sudarshan, Pandit Mumi Lal Kalia, Lala Bhimsen Sachar and Pandit Shriram to represent the party's point of view.

The deputation will leave Lahore on December 3 and is expected to reach Wardha on December 5.

It will be recalled that about a week ago 11 members of the Congress Party at a meeting held in Lahore resolved to seek the permission of the Congress Parliamentary Board to attend the session of the Punjab Assembly.

A representation to this effect was submitted to the Congress Parliamentary Board and it is in reply to this representation that Dr. Rajendra Prasad has telegraphically summoned Mian Iftikharuddin, Dr. Gopichand Bhargava and representatives of the party to Wardha.—A.P.

PUNJAB INVITEES TO WARDHA

Iftikharuddin Will Not Be Able To Proceed

LAHORE, Dec. 2.

It is understood that Mian Iftikhar Ud-Din, M.L.A., President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee who was invited by Babu Rajendra Prasad to go to Wardha to discuss the question of resumption of parliamentary activities by the Congress in the Punjab, will not be able to proceed to Wardha to-morrow on account of illness.

Dr. Gopichand Bhargava and Seth Sudarshan are, however, proceeding to-morrow.—A. P.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff Made a Mess Out of His Hands and Ends Up in the Mess Kitchen — By BUD FISHER

THE SARGE SAYS YOU'RE AWFULLY DUMB BUT HE'S GONNA GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE ON THE INFANTRY DRILL FIELD!
YOU'RE OFF K.P.
OH, BOY!
RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS!
PRIVATE JEFF, DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHT HAND FROM YOUR LEFT?
YES, SIR! THIS IS MY RIGHT HAND, SIR!
THERE! I CROSSED THEM! NOW, WHICH IS YOUR RIGHT HAND?
?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? YOU MIXED THEM ALL UP!
MESS QUARTERS
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IF AXIS BOMBERS COME TO BOMBAY.....

Symington Discloses "Scheme Of A.R.P. In Home"

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Before a Press Conference held at the Council Hall this evening, Mr. D. Symington, I.C.S., A.R.P Controller, Bombay, disclosed the scheme of "A.R.P. in the Home" which, he said, was recently engaging considerable attention of the A.R.P. authorities of the city.

The main object of all A.R.P., said Mr. Symington, was to establish, if possible, a sense of confidence in the public. To achieve that end, the authorities had proposed to give personal attention to each household.

This attention took three forms: (a) assistance and advice in the provision of safety accommodation; (b) provision of fire-fighting materials; and (c) house-to-house instruction in A.R.P., and propaganda designed to steady morale.

SAFETY ACCOMMODATION

Referring to safety accommodation, the speaker said that the proposal to provide public shelters in Bombay was found to be impossible and even if it were possible, it could not definitely be said whether it was desirable. Government however, had accepted the opinion of a committee of engineers, who had considered the subject to the effect that everything possible should be done towards getting safety accommodation provided in every house or set of premises.

HOUSE TO HOUSE SURVEY

This was an enormous task, but it was now being faced, and within a few days a house to house survey throughout Bombay was to be taken in hand. The objects of this survey were:—(a) to select on each premises the safest part where the occupants should go during the raid; (b) to prepare a sketch showing the work to be done in order to provide protection against blast, splinters, and the fall of debris; (c) to prepare a schedule of materials necessary in each case, with an estimate of the cost, and showing the relation of the cost of the work to the rateable value of the property; (d) to ascertain what quantities of sandbags or water should be maintained in each house; and (e) to determine which houses should be selected for the maintenance of fire-watching and fire-fighting parties equipped with stirrup pumps.

The cost of this survey was approximately estimated at one lac of rupees.

FIRE-FIGHTING

Referring to provision of fire fighting materials Mr. Symington said, that all possible efforts were being made to get more pumps for the use of the Auxiliary Fire Service, under the control of the Chief of the Fire Brigade. But the difficulties of supply were enormous In view of that difficulty, said Mr. Symington, it was obviously necessary for the average house-holder of Bombay to become expert in dealing with incendiary bombs, and in putting out small fires himself. For that purpose the authorities proposed an issue of sand-bags to each house, and also the maintenance on hand of vessels of water by each house-holder.

Continuing Mr. Symington said that in order to instruct the public, both as to how they should conduct themselves during a period of emergency in general, and especially in raid, and as to how they should deal with emergencies and small fires, they had in hand a scheme for house to house training.

NEED FOR LORRIES AND AMBULANCES

In conclusion Mr. Symington stated that a large number of vehicles were required for the use of the A.R.P. services. 150 lorries were required for rescue purposes, and 150 vans which could be converted as ambulances for stretcher cases. It was, of course, possible for Government under the Defence of India Rules to requisition all by compulsion, but for obvious reasons they preferred to get them on a voluntary basis. Mr. Symington hoped, that public support in this connection would be forthcoming.

PUNJAB ELECTRIC SUPPLY BILL

'Ultra Vires' Of Provincial Legislature. Narang's Point Of Order

LAHORE, Dec. 2.

The Punjab Assembly this afternoon took up consideration of the Punjab Electricity Emergency Powers Bill, which seeks to enable Government to assume possession and control of electric supply undertakings in an emergency, Sir Gokulchand Narang (Independent) raised a point of order that the Bill was 'ultra vires' of the Provincial Legislature and he sought the ruling of the Chair.

The Premier said that Government had brought forward the measure in the interests of consumers. They were merely seeking to regulate the supply of electricity in an emergency. Government had much wider powers under the Defence of India Rules to take possession of electric supply companies and they had recently exercised that power in the case of the Rawalpindi Electric Supply Company.

The Advocate-General, Mr. Saleem, maintained that the Bill was not 'utra vires' but the provincial legislature was competent to deal with it.

The Speaker, Sir Shahabuddin, said that in view of the importance of the question raised, he wanted to study the various legal aspects before giving his ruling.

Consideration of the bill was therefore postponed and the house adjourned till Thursday.—A. P.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE TO POLICE FORCE

Lumley's Visit To Nasik Training School

NASIK, Dec. 2.

His Excellency Sir Roger Lumley, Governor of Bombay, visited the Police Training School at Nasik on Tuesday.

Speaking to the students and staff of the school on the occasion, the Governor appreciated the valuable services of the Police during the past four years of great many cnanges in the Province, both when a popular Ministry conducted the affairs of Government, and for over two years after the outbreak of the war, which imposed additional burdens and created problems of a great complexity.

"Throughout till this time, the Police have never given me a moment's anxiety, they have carried out their duties in a manner deserving of the highest praise and in the right spirit. Their relations with the public have been good, and they enjoyed in a high degree the respect and confidence of my Ministers. War problems, His Excellency added, had been tackled boldly and with success.

After expressing satisfaction at the working of the school, His Excellency opined that it was imperative that promotion should be open to men joining the Police as constables, and Government had decided to extend the accommodation at the school for these lower ranks.—United Press.

Governor Back From Nasik

BOMBAY, Dec. 2.

The Governor of Bombay attended by Mr. P. Stafford aide-de-camp, returned from Nasik.

Labour Leaders Meet Hodson

CALCUTTA, Dec. 2.

A number of Trade Union leaders, including Mr. Aftab Ali, M.L.A., and Mr. K. C. Roy Chowdhury, M.L.C., met Mr. H. V. Hodson at Government House this afternoon and discussed with him the question of India's future constitution.—A. P.

HIGH COURT

SUIT AGAINST TURF CLUB

Plaintiff Under Cross-Examination

BOMBAY: Tuesday.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Somjee).

Camille A. J. Lobo: Plaintiff v. The Royal Western India Turf Club and others: Defendants.

This was the resumed hearing of the suit filed against the Turf Club, its Stewards, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, claiming Rs. 25,000 by way of damage for the plaintiff's exclusion and praying for a declaration that the plaintiff, as a member of the public was entitled to go on a certain open piece of low-lying land (part of storm water reservoir) in the centre of the properties of the Club on the ground that in or about 1918 the Municipality had dedicated this particular piece of land as a recreation ground and garden for the benefit of the public except on race days, as well as for another declaration that the plaintiff was entitled to attend all race meetings because the whole tenor of the Bombay Race Course Licensing Act III of 1912, as amended in 1938, was to give every member of the public a right to attend race meetings on payment of the charges fixed by the Club and for injunctions restraining the Club from preventing the plaintiff from exercising those rights.

The examination-in-chief of Mr. Lobo, the plaintiff, was continued by Mr. Vakeel. The plaintiff narrated the details of the incidents of his exclusion, of which he complained in this suit. He stated that the letter he received from the Turf Club banning him from all places under their control was the first intimation he had of the action taken by the Club.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF PLAINTIFF

At about 1 p.m. the Advocate-General commenced his cross-examination of the plaintiff. In answer to his questions the plaintiff observed that he carried on propaganda against the evils and malpractices associated with racing in Bombay in connection with jockeys, stewards, trainers and judges by means of articles in the "Sports Herald," "The Punter" and the "Kaiser-E-Hind."

Mr. Vakeel objected to the Advocate-General asking the witness, Mr. Lobo, any question which was directed at proving affirmatively that his exclusion was due to any reason other than certain articles written in the course of his journalistic activities without first furnishing them particulars thereof, because in their written statement of defence the defendants had merely stated negatively that the plaintiff's exclusion was not due only to the particular articles mentioned as having been written by him in the course of his journalistic activities. The Advocate-General replied that an admission by his client cannot be a surprise for himself so as to work injustice and necessitate particulars. His Lordship overruled Mr. Vakeel's objection and the cross-examination then proceeded.

Mr. Lobo stated that he did not know that he had incurred the wrath of the jockeys and stated that it was not true that he was once assaulted by jockeys. Several articles in the "Punter" and the "Kaiser-e-Hind" of the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 couched in strong language to the effect that the public was being robbed at Mahaluxmi Race Course on account of professional malpractices were then shown to him by the Advocate-General, but Mr. Lobo stated that though he wrote several similar articles he could not say whether these were written by him as they did not bear his name. The cross-examination will proceed to-morrow.

Mr. J. H. Vakeel with Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Lam and Co., appeared for the plaintiff.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad with Mr. F. J. Coltman, Mr. N. P. Engineer and Mr. Y. B. Rege, instructed by Messrs. Cragie, Blunt and Caroe, appeared for the defendants.

Alleged Assault Behind Closed Doors

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A Man living on the ground floor of Krishna Bhawan, Dadar Bombay who is alleged to have accidentally touched a woman while groping his way to the urinal last night is said to have been dragged by somebody into a room close-by where it was alleged he was set upon by some persons and flogged.

The rescures of the victim fetched a constable as the person was being beaten behind closed doors.

In this connection the Agripada police arrested Damji Jivraj, Punshi Jivraj and Megji Jivraj, who were placed before the Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon, to-day and ordered to be released on bail.

CLERK HURT BY THERMOS EXPLOSION.

Minor injuries were sustained by one of the managing clerks of a well-known solicitors' firm when a thermos-flask unexpectedly exploded in the office yesterday at 4 p.m.

The flask, it appears, was removed by the managing clerk for cleaning purposes some time in the morning.

Forgetting this fact in the late afternoon he unwittingly touched the thin-end of the vacuum bottle, which suddenly burst. Pieces of glass struck the flesh of his hand and face, causing several cuts.

RUN OVER BY MOTOR LORRY.

Savitribai, and two other workers were run over by a motor lorry at Frere Road on Monday morning. All the three were removed to the hospital where Savitribai succumbed to her injuries.

The other two who were also seriously injured are being treated in the hospital.

Police are making enquiries in the matter.

Arrested On Grave Charge

Mohan Sing Lal Sing, described as a film director, was arrested yesterday by the Lamington Road Police for alleged attempt to rape a girl aged 12.

The accused was ordered to be released on bail of Rs. 500 with one surety of Rs. 300 to-day by Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, Bombay.

Limited Accommodation For Haj Pilgrims

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

A press note states: It is announced that further accommodation for Haj Pilgrims is now strictly limited and that not more than about 1,200 vacancies remain. In addition, all accommodation at Karachi has now been booked and intending pilgrims should go to Bombay. Pilgrims are advised to enquire from the Port Haj Committee, Bombay, by telegram what chances there are of their obtaining a passage and not to leave their homes before a passage is assured.—A. P.

Neogy To Contest Subhas' Vacancy

CALCUTTA, Dec. 1.

It is understood that Mr. K. C. Neogy, former Dewan of Mayurbhanj State, is contesting the seat of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose in the Central Assembly.—United Press.

TEACHER GETS COMPENSATION

Case Against Wrongful Dismissal

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Is a single act of insubordination on the part of a teacher sufficient to justify her dismissal by the principal of a school? Mr. Champaklal G. Mody, at the Small Causes Court held that a single act of insubordination was not enough to dismiss an employee from the service.

This was a suit filed by a woman teacher against the principal of a local school claiming compensation for wrongful dismissal alleging that her services were dispensed with by the principal suddenly and without justifiable cause.

Mr. Kerawalla who appeared for the teacher submitted that when the teacher was conducting her classes in the evening she was prevented from doing her work and asked to leave.

Mr. A. S. Davar, who appeared with Mr. Tarapore, on behalf of the school authorities, submitted that on the day in question the teacher was conducting the classes late in the evening after school hours. The principal, who saw this asked the teacher to stop the classes and allow the students to go home as it was not advisable and safe to compel the students to go to their residence during the black-out. The teacher refused to stop the classes.

The principal, therefore, asked the peon to close the doors. The teacher thereupon left the class and went away. In the events that had happened it was submitted that there was no dismissal.

If, however, the court held that the teacher was dismissed by the principal, it was further submitted that the dismissal was justifiable due to an act of insubordination on the part of the teacher.

The Judge, however, held on the evidence that the teacher was wrongfully dismissed as a single act of insubordination was not sufficient to justify dismissal on the part of the school authorities. The teacher's claim for compensation was, therefore, decreed with costs.

Fatal Fall From Second Floor

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mangalabai Keshavlal a Hindu woman (20) was cleaning her teeth with a country tooth brush yesterday morning during which process she was leaning against the balcony of her flat on the second floor of Lalji Nathoo building at Matunga when she lost her balance and fell down. She was taken to the K.E.M. Hospital where she died.

The Coroner's Jury recorded a verdict of accidental death at an inquest held over her body, today.

VACANCIES IN I. C. S.

50 Per Cent Reserved For Recruitment After War

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

A press "communique" says:—the following announcement is made in respect of the vacancies to be offered at the ensuing examination to be held in Delhi for the Indian Civil Service.

Fifty per cent of the vacancies having been reserved for recruitment after the war from among suitable candidates with war service, it is proposed to recruit not less than three candidates by open competition. Further, in accordance with the Home Department resolution of the 4th July 1934 on communal representation in the Services, two vacancies will be held in reserve for the nomination of Muslim candidates but if any Muslim is successful by open competition, the number of nominations will be correspondingly reduced.

In addition, one vacancy will be held in reserve for the nomination of a candidate of the Scheduled Castes if a suitable candidate is available. In the event of no candidate of those castes being successful by open competition or found suitable for nomination, the vacancy will be filled by open competition.—A. P.

Baluchistan Press Advisory Committee

QUETTA, Nov. 30.

The Baluchistan Press Advisory Committee has been formed here by the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference, its personnel having been nominated by Mr. K. Srinivasan. The President of the Conference on the recommendations of Mr. K. Punniah, Editor of the "Sind Observer," who had been deputed for the purpose.

The formation of the Committee, which represents all sections of the Press of the Province and the names of its members have also been approved.

The Committee consists of Mr. K. T. Jhangiani, press correspondent, as convener. Khan Abdus Samad Khan, Qazi Mohd. Isa Barat-Law, V. Nair Attamohd, Murghaziani and Moulvi Mohd Abdullah, as members.—A. P.

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DOES NIPPON MEAN BUSINESS?

MASS REINFORCEMENTS OF JAPANESE TROOPS IN INDO-CHINA

Japan To Copy Hitler's Method?

May Reply America By Attack On Thailand & Yunnan

AMERICAN FORCES IN HAWAII ORDERED TO BE ON ALERT

LONDON, Dec. 1.

Beginning about noon President Roosevelt held a long conference with Mr. Hull and Admiral Stark.

This conference, which followed Mr. Hull's talks with the Japanese envoys, was a prolonged one.

The greatly strengthened United States Navy is ready for any emergency in the Atlantic or the Pacific, writes Colonel Knox, the Navy Secretary, in the "American Magazine".

Col. Knox adds that with powerful new additions to the fleet and the vastly greater range of operations gained through the acquisition of new basis, "we are able to handle immediately all possible threats in both the oceans".

WHAT PRECIPITATED CRISIS

In official circles in Washington it is [illegible] that the talks which have [illegible] on between the Japanese and American representatives since last April have been directed by this country towards a peaceful settlement of the Sino-Japanese struggle and the conclusion of an agreement which should end aggression in the Pacific area and re-establish stable economic conditions.

Broadly stated, they have turned on the issue of aggression or non-aggression, and in the earlier stages of this chiefly involved China, cabled the "The Times" Washington correspondent on November 28.

But in the very midst of these talks Japan sent an expeditionary force to Indo-China.

This aroused grave concern in the American Government not only as an act in itself but because it was impossible not to see its resemblance to the method which has been employed by Hitler in Europe—as, for instance, German infiltration into Hungary and Rumania as strategic preparation for a latter attack on Yugoslavia.

It became necessary to ask whether the Japanese movement into Indo-China covered a larger ultimate design.

The Japanese advance a little way at a time along the China coast and her occupation of mandated island has followed to a striking extent the model of Germany, and must inevitably jeopardise American interests.

It is felt that the Philippines, where the American flag flies, are lying, so to speak, in the open mouth of "Avgorseshow" (horseshoe) whose mass is represented by areas under Japanese military control

Mass Reinforcements

The situation is thus exposed in all its gravity, and, while the American Government await an answer from Tokio, telegrams tell of mass reinforcements of Japanese strength in indo-China and of the "alert" order issued to the American forces in Hawaii.

The question for the moment is whether Japan intends to strike against Thailand or into Yunnan, or both, and it is cynically assumed in Washington that if she does, her reply to last Wednesday night's document will be delayed until such military movement is under way.

Conversely, there is some suggestion in Washington that the present economic restrictions against her might at once be broadened into a full economic blockade and this also would be done without any warning.

If a final challenge is to be thrown to the United States, it may confidently be assumed that it will be accepted.

Any other course would affect not only the Pacific but Europe, and the American public even in the Middle Western States would be deeply shocked if a nation now so deeply distrusted were allowed to "get away with it."

East Indies Ready

Parachute troops, dive bombers, flying boats and troop-carrying planes all play their part in the greatly extended air force of the Netherlands East Indies, according to the Dutch circles in London.

A steady stream of the newest bombers and fighters has reached the N. E. I. Archipelago from the United States.

Over 1,000 new secret aerodromes all over the Archipelago complete with staff and ground personnel give an indication of the extent of military preparedness in the air.

The fleet air arm has been considerably strengthened, particularly through the purchase of long range Catalina flying boats and a great many bombers, torpedo carrying aircraft, and dive bombers.

Seaplanes are constantly on the alert during daily reconnaissance flights operating from the main base at Saurabaya and from 50 outside island bases.

The training of pilots, airmen and engineering personnel has gone steadily forward and many natives as well as European pilot have been drafted into this growing air force.

No Abandonment Of Peace Efforts

Indications that the United States has not closed the doors to continued talks with Japan are seen in Tokyo report that Monday morning's extraordinary Cabinet meeting decided to redouble efforts to "make the United States reconsider its standpoint."

It is felt that Japan also is disinclined to abandon efforts for peace in the Pacific.

WASHINGTON:—Immediately after the talks with the Japanese envoys, Mr. Hull hurried to the Whitehouse. Mr. Hull and President Roosevelt conferred in the President's study. Beyond luncheon with Mr. Harry Hopkins who has been sick lately, President Roosevelt had no other engagements fixed for Monday.

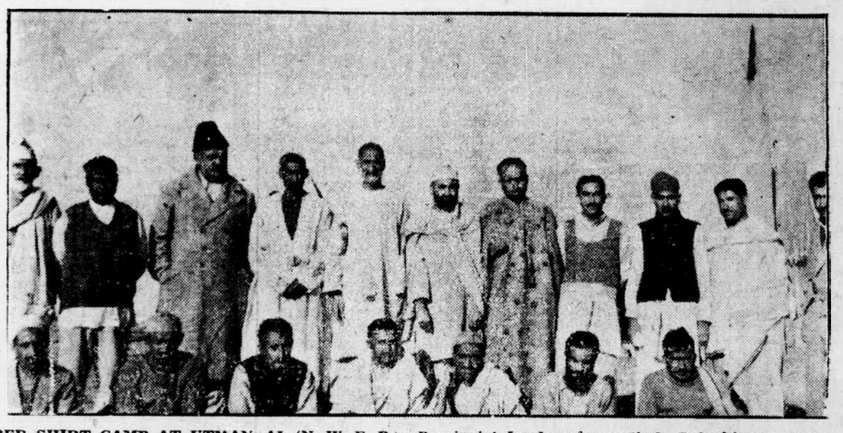
Reuter's chief correspondent in the Far East wires from Singapore:

"There has been no immediate deterioration in the situation—the situation has not clarified—precautionary measures are being instituted step by step."

These extracts from an official communique issued here to-day concerning the proclamation of a state of emergency admirably sum up the developments during the last twenty four hours

There has been no official indication of any easing in the Japanese menacing attitude; therefore the "A. B. C. D." powers preparations to be ready to meet any breach of the peace are being methodically implemented.

On the other hand nothing has been announced to show that Japan's menacing attitude is any nearer breach of peace.



RED SHIRT CAMP AT UTMANZAI (N. W. F. P.): Provincial Leaders from Sind, Baluchistan, Punjab and representatives from Wardha photographed with Frontier Gandhi (centre, standing) discussed recently as to how to act in case of emergency.

Have Parliament First, Then Talk Of Parliamentary Activity

Nehru's Attitude Towards Revision Of Congress Programme: Russian Heroism Admired

DEHRA DUN, December 1.

"Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was full of admiration for the heroic resistance of the Russian people," said Mr. R. S. Pandit, in an interview to the press to-day. Mr. Pandit, except for a brief-period in the Naini Central prison, spent nearly one year with Pandit Nehru in Dehra Dun

Mr. Pandit added, "Minor episodes in war apart, it is only the Chinese and the Soviet peoples who have shown how a whole people can be moved to heights of heroic sacrifice for freedom.

The entry of Russia in the war, in the opinion of Pandit Nehru, has made a vast difference in every way, militarily, politically and psychologically.

The people of India, or those who think, realise this and their sympathy is naturally with Russia".

This, however, did not affect the Indian attitude towards Britain, which, according to Mr. Pandit, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru thought could only be governed by the British attitude towards India.

Questioned regarding Pandit Nehru's views on the efforts being made for reversion to parliamentary programme, Mr. Pandit said, "Pandit Nehru is a democrat and considers parliamentary activity desirable, but he used to say, 'Let us have a parliament and then talk about and indulge in parliamentary activity".—A. P

GANDHIJI FOR BARDOLI

A.I.C.C. Offices Likely To Be Shifted From Wardha Temporarily

WARDHAGANJ, December 2.

The "United Press" understands that Gandhiji is leaving Wardha on December 9 for Bardoli where he intends to stay for a month. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who left yesterday for Bombay will be with Gandhiji during the latter's stay at Bardoli.

The A.-I.C.C. office is likely to be shifted to Bardoli temporarily from Wardha.—United Press.

Burnt To Death In Village Fire

GORAKHPUR, Dec. 2.

A nine year old boy was burnt to death and eleven houses were reduced to ashes on November 30 when a fire broke out in village Bilanpur. The cause of the fire is not known.—A. P.

Relentless Pursuit Of Nazi Forces

Russians Capture Huge Booty

GEN. KLEIST RETIRES 100 MILES WEST OF ROSTOV

MOSCOW, Dec. 2.

The Soviet night 'communique' states, "During December 1 our troops fought the enemy on all fronts. On the Western Front violent enemy attacks were repulsed with heavy losses.

On the Rostov sector the Soviet troops continued their pursuit of the German forces. Many trophies were captured.

On November 30, 59 German planes were destroyed. We lost 17 planes.

On December 1, four German planes were brought down by anti-aircraft guns near Moscow."

Booty Captured By Russians

Hundred and eighteen tanks and 210 guns are among the booty captured by the Russians during the victorious Rostov battle, according to the Soviet Information Bureau.

Other equipment taken from the Germans consists of 306 machine guns, 178 mine throwers over 4,000 rifles, 871 lorries, and a large quantity of other arms.

Another result of the Soviet success was the destruction of 102 enemy aircraft.

It is stated that these figures are incomplete and give merely a preliminary indication. It is added that it is impossible to count all the booty while the offensive is still at its height.

Most of the booty fell to the Thirty-Seventh Army commanded by Major General Lokatin "which by skilful manoeuvring decided the fate of Von Kleist's troops."

Fighting On Finnish Front To Be Intensified

Fighting is to become intensified again on the Russo-Finnish front, reports the Moscow Radio early this morning.

On the southern sector of the Karelian front the Soviet troops have driven the Finns from four heights.

"The enemy has brought up several divisions and is striving at all cost to capture the important strategical point "M" but without result," adds the Moscow radio.

The Russian defence is being conducted stubbornly and counter-attacks are inflicting considerable losses on enemy.

German's Difficulty

Following the loss of Rostov the Germans are increasingly preoccupied as to how the eastern army is to pass the Russian winter, reports the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" says a message from Berne

The "Rovno (Polish) Press" has published an appeal from the German Commissioner General, requesting the population to make room for German troops needing winter quarters.

The propaganda company (German reporters with the troops) speaks of "soldiers' town" composed of numerous small shelters which are being built behind the front.

They admit that the German infantry is housed in one man dugouts resembling those of the last war.

On the eastern front the Russian offensive at Rostov has made further progress although it has advanced with care, says "Annalist" commenting on the situation on the Soviet Front.

For one thing, he writes, "the roads must be almost impassable and for another there are strong German forces north-west of Rostov which have to be taken into account.

The report that General Kleist has retired to Mariupol about 100 miles to the rear sounds very probable and the Russian capture of Taganrog is also likely to be correct.

Germans Won't Get Breathing Time

It is clear that the Germans, now they are on the run, will not be allowed much breathing space by Marshal Timoshenko to get their second wind.

The German communiques no longer hide the fact that the Russians are attacking in great force and indeed speak of their superior numbers.

At Moscow, the position is still very involved but there has been no decisive change, although newspaper reports speak of Russian successes at Tula.

The Germans claim to have gained some ground in the north-west of Moscow but there is noticeable lack of confidence in the tone of their 'communiques.'

Although it is not possible to give any indication of the disposition and strength of the Russian forces the names of the principal commanders on three sections of the front are known.

At Leningrad now practically cut off from the Central and Southern sectors the Russian command is in the hands of General Khosin. At Moscow, General Zhukow is in supreme command, surrounded by Generals Rokossovski, Kutukow, Koniev and Yermakow.

The two middle names are those of Tank Commanders.

On the southern front, Marshal Timoshenko is in supreme command and his subordinates include Col. General Cherevyshenko and Generals Remisov and Kharitonov.—Reuter.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who arrived in Bombay with Mr. Mahadev Desai (extreme right) by the Calcutta Mail, yesterday morning, was received at Victoria Terminus by Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai and Sjt. Mangaldas Pakvasa.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day:

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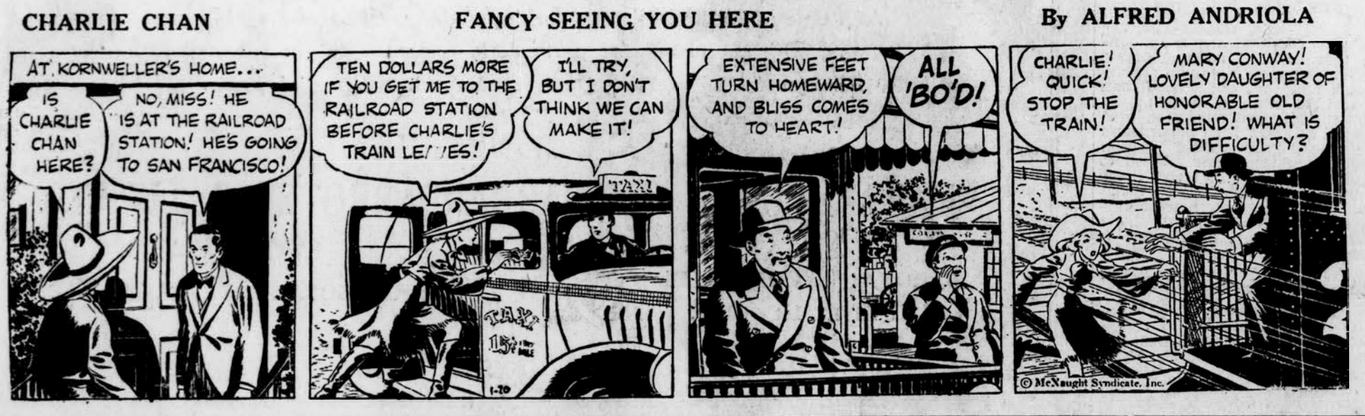
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